

NU-RES

Brown Bag Series

May 2019



-  **Coming soon: a new website and eCD/eCLAWS/ePAWS update**
-  **New Faculty**
-  **DRAFT: New Institutional Base Salary Policy & guidance**
-  **UPDATED: Revised Cost Share & Cost Transfer Policies**
-  **RCR Training updates**
-  **FDP report out**
-  **Updates on brown bag planning for FY 2020**
-  **Communication Survey...results thus far**

NU-RES New Website and e-applications

- **Planning to launch an updated website July 1**
- **Colleges, we need your input**
- **Usability and content feedback opportunities in June**
- **eCD disclosure completion 5/30/19: 89%**
- **eCLAWS: final UAT in TEST environment 5/30/19...launch in Production 6/13/19 (Procurement driving initial launch)**
- **ePAWS: UAT Proposal testing late June**

New Faculty

- **Want to better engage new faculty**
- **As your new research faculty come on board, we would love to come down and meet them in person, walk through some key information and just meet and greet...email us at NU-RES@northeastern.edu**
- **We can also talk to the faculty member before they arrive via blue jeans if that is helpful**

DRAFT: New Institutional Base Salary Policy

Revised Cost Transfer Policy

- **Does not apply to an allocation from a central clearing account (AP Uploads, processing service center entries, tuition transfers from ledger 2)**
- **Salary transfers are a form of cost transfer, however the process is done through a PDC and not K2 and does not require a cost transfer form**
- **Any adjustments made to salary on a closed effort reporting period, included in a financial report/final invoice or closed fund may require additional approvals**

Revised Cost Share Policy

What is a cost share?

The portion of the total project or program that is not borne by the sponsor. It is the out of pocket project costs contributed by the University. Generally cost share is not encouraged in sponsored research unless required to do so by the sponsor.

Now the policy includes voluntary committed cost sharing, but only when clearly pledged in the proposal's budget.

§200.99 Voluntary committed cost sharing

Voluntary committed cost sharing means cost sharing specifically pledged on a voluntary basis in the proposal's budget or the Federal award on the part of the non-Federal entity and that becomes a binding requirement of Federal award.

RCR Training Update

- For students paid on NSF grant, no changes
- CITI training online
- For fellows and trainees paid on NIH grants (T,K,F series) we will be adding a new in-person training series
- Training will start in mid-June
- Students on NSF or other research projects are welcome to join us
- Details will be emailed to the ADR and ADF or visit our website

FDP Report Out

- **EPA is working on amending its fellowship policy to align with NSF, NIH and other agencies: fellows must be US Persons (citizen or here on visa/green card)**
- **Many agencies, especially NSF highlighted that they have money to allocate (apply!)**
- **OMB working with many federal agencies to look at aligning and streamlining data requirements, including universal data requirements for NOAs**
- **More highlights are on NU-RES website News post 5/28/19**

Brown Bag FY/AY 2020

- **Format for next year:**
 - **Learn, see, do model**
 - **Rotate between trainings and “user” groups designed to let colleges share best practices**
- **New website will have calendar**
- **Agenda will be added to calendar about 3-5 days in advance**

Communication Survey

- **Written communications: 53% Satisfied, 24% Dissatisfied (we have work to do here!)**
- **Brown Bag sessions: 53% Neutral, 24% Satisfied (we have work to do here!)**
- **41% are 'fairly informed' by these current types of communication:**
 - **Email (26%), Brown Bag (23%), Direct Communication (17%), Website (15%)**
- **Most preferred methods of communication, in order of preference:**
 - **(1) Email (2) Brown Bag/NU-RES Website (tied) (3) Direct Communication (4) Research Users Discussion list**
- **Suggestions for improvements:**

Send Brown Bag agendas ahead of session....Written email of topic highlights for future reference... Don't bury the lead! ... 45 minute sessions with other offices participating... Provide website change notices