Research Administration Brown Bag Series

January 14, 2025

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Agenda

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- NU-RES Finance Updates
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NU-RES Admin Updates

National Institutes of Health (NIH):

- **NOT-OD-25-054: NIH Operates Under a Continuing Resolution**
    - The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including National Institutes of Health (NIH), operates under the American Relief Act, 2025 (Public Law 118-84) signed by President Biden on December 21, 2024. This Act (CR) continues government operations through March 14, 2025, at the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 enacted level, with no reduction.
    - Consistent with NIH practices during FYs 2006 - 2024, NIH Institutes and/or Centers may, at their discretion, issue non-competing research grant awards at a level below that indicated on the most recent Notice of Award. Upward adjustments to awarded levels will be considered after FY 2025 appropriations are enacted, but NIH expects institutions to monitor their expenditures carefully during this period. All legislative mandates that were in effect in FY 2024 (see NOT-OD-24-110) remain in effect under this CR, as well as the salary limitation set at Executive Level II of the Federal Pay Scale (see NOT-OD-24-057) and the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award predoctoral and postdoctoral stipend levels and tuition/fees as described in NOT-OD-24-104.

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National Institutes of Health (NIH): *REMINDER!*

- **NOT-HS-25-006: New AHRQ "FORMS-I" Grant Application Forms and Instructions Coming for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2025**

If your intended due date is?	You must use...
On or before January 24, 2025, including: • Applications submitted for due dates on or before January 24, 2025	FORMS-H application package
On or after January 25, 2025, including: • Applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2025 • All application types (New, Resubmission, Renewal, Revision) • Applications submitted early for intended due dates on or after January 25, 2025	FORMS-I application package

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National Institutes of Health (NIH):

- **NOT-OD-25-040: NIH Requires Mandatory Use of the eRA Prior Approval Module for the Submission of Prior Approval Requests for all SBIR and STTR Awards Beginning January 27, 2025.**
  - All prior approval requests must be initiated and submitted by a Signing Official (SO) for the recipient organization.
  - This new prior approval requirement will be incorporated into an upcoming edition of the NIH Grants Policy Statement, section 8.1.3 Requests for Prior Approval.
  - Prior approval request types that are available at the discretion of the IC in eRA Commons:
    - Carryover Request
    - Change of PD/PI on a Grant
    - No Cost Extension
    - DMS Request (See NOT-OD-24-176)
    - Other Request- Common types of "Other" Prior Approval requests may include the following:
    - Change in Scope or Objectives
    - Change in Key Personnel
    - Adding a new domestic or foreign subaward (See NOT-OD-24-149)

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National Institutes of Health (NIH):

- **NOT-OD-24-163: NIH's Adoption of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support by May 25, 2025**
  - NIH will **require** all applicants/recipients to link their ORCID ID into SciENcv in the Persistent Identifier (PID) section of the Common Forms.
  - NIH will **require** all applicants/recipients to link their ORCID ID to their eRA Commons Personal Profile on May 25, 2025
  - For information on linking an ORCID ID to the eRA Commons Personal Profile see the ORCID ID topic in the eRA Commons help.

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National Institutes of Health (NIH):

- **NOT-OD-24-163: NIH's Adoption of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support by May 25, 2025**
  - NIH Common Forms Timeline

If your intended application due date or RPPR submission is?	You must...
On or before May 24, 2025, including: • Applications submitted for due dates on or before May 24, 2025. • Applications submitted under NIH Late Policy 2-week window of consideration for intended due dates on or before May 24, 2025. • Applications submitted by June 1, 2025, under NIH Continuous Submission Policy for the May 7, 2025, AIDS intended due date.	Continue using the current NIH Biosketch and Other Support format pages for applications, Just-in-Time (JIT) and RPPRs.
On or after May 25, 2025, including: • Applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2025. • All application types (New, Resubmission, Renewal, Revision). • Applications submitted early for intended due dates on or after May 25, 2025.	Use the Common Forms (i.e., Biographical Sketch, Current and Pending (Other) Support) and NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement along with the updated instructions for applications, JIT and RPPRs. (*note this includes inclusion of the ORCID ID in the PID section*)

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- **Coming this month**: Guidance and materials to assist departments in submitting eCLAWS records for subaward/subcontract actions (new initiations and modifications); Target start date 2/1
- **Welcome to Melanie Perez, Contracts Team Co-Op:** Melanie is a third-year NU law student and will be working as a Co-Op with the Contracts Team through April 4
- **Welcome Back to Nancy Bynoe, Subawards Manager:** Nancy returned from leave this week and is reacclimating to the subawards team and queue
- **Portfolio Updates:** Contract and Subaward team portfolios continue to shift in response to process and personnel changes and workload balancing

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Data/Systems Updates

- Website Enhancements:
  - SAM Renewal date updated: January 6, 2026
  - Quick Facts page updated: Visual improvement and copy to clipboard button added
  - Search functionality testing

- Cognos Research Users Group Friday January 17, 2025 – 1:00-2:00 pm EST
  - Most used Golden Reports
  - Enhancements and New Reports
  - Data Cookbook
  - Need invite? Email Laura Beaupre ☺

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NU-RES Finance Updates

Uniform Guidance Updates
- Slides from December 2024 Learn More session are posted on NURES website - 2024 Uniform Guidance Revisions: Implementation

All new proposals should budget using the new thresholds:
- Capital & Fabricated Equipment: current $5,000 threshold will increase to $10,000
- Subaward IDC recovery: overhead on the first $25,000 of issued subawards will increase to $50,000

When will changes be effective?
- FY25 rate agreement dated 6/6/24 is currently in place
- Changes will take effect for new awards received after Northeastern University receives its next rate agreement.
- Northeastern is still in the process of negotiating the next rate agreement. We expect to have the new rate agreement in FY26 but will not be available on 7/1/25.

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UG Updates – MTDC Examples

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Prior version of Uniform Guidance

Modified Total Direct Cost Base:

- Includes first **$25,000** of each subaward

- Excludes capital equipment in excess of **$5,000**

FY25 rate agreement currently in place

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New version of Uniform Guidance as of 10/1/24

Modified Total Direct Cost Base:

- Includes first **$50,000** of each subaward

- Excludes capital equipment in excess of **$10,000**

FY26 NU rate agreement (pending)

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Example - FY26 rate agreement with a projected issuance date of 9/1/2025

FY2025	**FY2026**									
July 2024 - June 2025	**Jul-25**	**Aug-25**	**Sep-25**	**Oct-25**	**Nov-25**	**Dec-25**	**Jan-26**	**Feb-26**	**...**	**Jun-25**

New award received: 6/15/25

FY25 MTDC thresholds apply:

- IDC on first **$25K** of each sub

- No IDC for capital equipment >**$5K**

New award received: 10/15/25

FY26 MTDC thresholds apply:

- IDC on first **$50K** of each sub

- No IDC for capital equipment >**$10K**

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UG Updates – MTDC Examples

Example - FY26 rate agreement dated 9/1/2025

Proposal submitted 1/1/25 using new UG thresholds			
Original Budget	DC	MTDC	IDC (60%)
Salary & Fringe	94,000	94,000	56,400
Travel	7,950	7,950	4,770
Equipment	8,050	8,050	4,830
Subcontract	64,000	50,000	30,000
Other Costs	-	-	-
Subtotals	174,000	160,000	96,000
TOTAL COSTS			**270,000**

UG Updates – MTDC Examples

Example - FY26 rate agreement dated 9/1/2025

New award received 6/15/25, before new rate agreement: Prior FY25 MTDC thresholds will apply			
Project Expenditures	DC	MTDC	IDC (60%)
Salary & Fringe	94,000	94,000	56,400
Travel	7,950	7,950	4,770
Capital Equipment	8,050	-	-
Subcontract	64,000	25,000	15,000
Other Costs**	12,394	12,394	7,436
Subtotals	186,394	139,344	83,606
TOTAL COSTS			270,000

**Assumes NU can rebudget remaining funds into DC/IDC under expanded authorities.

New award received 10/15/25, after new rate agreement: New FY26 MTDC thresholds will apply			
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TOTAL COSTS			270,000

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NU-RES Compliance Updates

- Research security training requirements mandated by the <u>Department of Energy (DOE) Financial Assistance Letter (FAL 2025-02)</u> and the new requirements outlined in the <u>Department of Energy's (DOE) Financial Assistance Letter (FAL 2024-05)</u> regarding Digital Persistent Identifiers (DPIs) or Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) for all R&D financial assistance awards.

- These requirements become mandatory beginning **May 1, 2025** for all individuals involved in DOE-funded research projects or submitting applications to the DOE. These requirements are being implemented as required by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

- All research security training will be completed through Workday Learning

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  - For information on linking an ORCID ID to the eRA Commons Personal Profile see the [ORCID ID topic](#) in the eRA Commons help.
  - Additional information regarding SciENcv and ORCID can be found on the [NU-RES Compliance website](#)

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Upcoming Events

- Check out the NU-RES Events Calendar

- Virtual Satellite Office Hours, Thursdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM EST

Upcoming Events

- **<u>Track 3 – Virtual RCR Workshops</u>**
  - ○ 3 Workshops remain during AY 24/25
    - ▪ <u>Copyright for Academics:</u> Monday, February 24, 2025, from 12:00 PM – 1:30PM EST via Teams
    - ▪ <u>Peer Review:</u> Monday, March 10, 2025, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM EST via Teams
    - ▪ <u>Wellness and Self-Care for the Researcher:</u> Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST via Teams
  - ○ <u>Registration</u>
  - ○ <u>Workshop Descriptions</u>
  - ○ <u>NU-RES Events Calendar</u>

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Upcoming Events

- **ORCID Workshop for Researchers**
  - **When:** Monday February 10, 2025, at 2-3pm Eastern | 1-2pm Central | 12-1pm Mountain | 11am-12pm Pacific
  - **Register to attend:** Meeting Registration – Zoom
  - **Description:** Lyrasis is running an ORCID Workshop for Researchers webinar, which will cover the basics of ORCID, an overview of the benefits of ORCID for researchers, how ORCID can help save time throughout the research landscape, and tips and tricks on how can keep their ORCID record up to date.
  - This webinar is free and open to anyone who is interested. The session will be recorded and shared with all who register.

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Upcoming Events

- **Professional Development Workshop 1: Building Your Personal Brand**

- NU-RES Event Calendar Link
  - Date and Time: Tuesday, February 4, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST
  - Location: Virtually via Zoom
  - Workshop Duration: 50 minutes
  - Presenter: Rich Trombetta, HR Learning & Engagement
  - Workshop Description: YOU are a brand. Just like a company or organization, people form an immediate impression the second they see or hear your name. Why leave that to chance?
  - Goals/Objectives of Workshop: Participants will leave the workshop with a framework to help them create and manage their personal brand. This will include building an online presence, leveraging social media, and creating a personal tagline and brand management plan.
  - Target Audience: Anyone
  - There will be no breakout rooms
  - Please complete the feedback survey that will be provided at the end of the workshop

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Upcoming Events

- **Professional Development Workshop 2: Presentation Skills Part 1: Personal Presence**

- NU-RES Event Calendar Link
  - Date and Time: Thursday, March 13, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST
  - Location: Virtually via Zoom
  - Workshop Duration: 50 minutes
  - Presenter: Rich Trombetta, HR Learning & Engagement
  - Workshop Description: There is what you say, and *how* you say it. Pace, tone, inflection, eye contact, and physical gestures are some of the key elements that can make or break a presentation, regardless of the quality of the material.
  - Goals/Objectives of Workshop: Participants will leave this workshop with an understanding of how to leverage their personal presence to enhance the messages they are communicating to any audience.
  - Target Audience: Anyone
  - Disclaimer: Time will be devoted to practicing in small breakout groups.
  - Please complete the feedback survey that will be provided at the end of the workshop

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Upcoming Events

- **Professional Development Workshop 3: Presentation Skills Part II: Creating Effective PowerPoint**

- NU-RES Event Calendar Link

  o <u>Date and Time:</u> Thursday, April 17, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST

  o <u>Location:</u> Virtually via Zoom

  o <u>Workshop Duration:</u> 50 minutes

  o <u>Presenter:</u> Rich Trombetta, HR Learning & Engagement

  o <u>Workshop Description:</u> PowerPoint can be a very useful tool. Sadly, it can also bore people to tears. Knowing how to use PowerPoint effectively is critical, especially with the move to virtual and hybrid work environments.

  o <u>Goals/Objectives of Workshop:</u> Participants will leave this workshop with tips and best practices for creating PowerPoint presentations that drive home key points and messages while engage audiences. The session will cover high-level topics such as developing a powerful introduction to knowing how much text to have on a slide.

  o <u>Target Audience:</u> Anyone

  o <u>Disclaimer:</u> People can attend Part II without attending Part I

  o Please complete the feedback survey that will be provided at the end of the workshop

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NU-RES and You!

Thank You!

See you in February!