

NIH Administrative Updates

The Offices of Research Support Services recently became aware of some administrative changes that have occurred, and will be taking place within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and wanted to ensure the TJU research community was made aware.

Revision of the NIH Grants Policy Statement

On November 25, 2015, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued Notice Number: [NOT-OD-16-030](#) notifying the research community that the Grants Policy Statement has been revised and is applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after October 1, 2015. A copy of the document (which will supersede the previous version of the Grants Policy Statement [3/2015]) can be located [here](#). The NIH also developed a summary of significant changes to the Grants Policy Statement which can be located at the following [URL](#).

Revised SF424 (R&R) Application Guides and Supplemental Instructions for Application Due Dates on and Between January 25, 2016 and May 24, 2016

Aside from announcing a revised publication of the Grants Policy Statement, the NIH also alerted “the biomedical and health services research communities that in accordance with [NOT-OD-16-004](#), the general and small business (SBIR/STTR) application guides used with FORMS-C application forms have been revised. As a result, the instructions within the NOT-OD-16-004 “must be used for application due dates on and between January 25, 2016 and May 24, 2016”.

Form Updates

The NIH recently received approval from the Office of Management and Budget to make necessary form updates which will be termed, *FORMS-D*, “and will impact due dates on or after May 25, 2016”. The NIH has [committed](#) “to have system support and guidance for these updates in place by March 25, 2016”. Currently, the NIH has published [Frequently Asked Questions](#) regarding the 2016 Form Updates which address topics such as: Vertebrate Animals, New Font Guidelines, Application Forms Updates and Choosing the Correct Forms, Rigor and Transparency Forms Updates, and Research Training Data Tables.

The Offices of Research Support Services will continue to keep the TJU community abreast of any additional developments as appropriate. However, if you should have any specific questions, please reach out to your assigned [RACE Grants Administrator](#) for further assistance.

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