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Rock Talk

Fiscal Policies for 2015

Posted on January 7, 2015 by Sally Rockey

Happy 2015! Just a quick blog to let you know that last week, NIH announced policies for fiscal operations for fiscal year (FY) 2015, implementing the 2015 Consolidated Appropriations Act signed by President Obama on December 16, 2014. NIH has a budget of $30.31 billion, an increase of approximately $240 million over the FY 2014 final budget allocations of $30.07 billion. We also announced the stipend levels for Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA), and salary limits …. Continue reading →

2014 By the Numbers

Posted on December 31, 2014 by Sally Rockey

Application and award summary data for fiscal year 2014 are now available in the NIH Data Book. These data are of particular interest for all of us this year, considering the historic low of the success rate last year, and the reduction of NIH's budget in fiscal year 2013, due to sequestration. For this reason, in the table below, we include both FY2013 and FY 2012 data for comparison purposes. …. Continue reading →

Transport of Research Material Containing Infectious Agents or Other Biological Hazards

Posted on December 22, 2014 by Sally Rockey

We've received some questions about shipment and receipt of biological samples, particularly in the context of the ongoing Ebola outbreak in West Africa; for example, whether grantees can accept biological materials from Africa, and whether NIH has in place any requirements for transporting such research materials. In light of these incoming questions, I think this is a good time to remind you that a number of regulations are in place to ensure …. Continue reading →

Tune in to the ACD Meeting Today and Friday

Posted on December 11, 2014 by Sally Rockey

I'm at the December Advisory Council to the Director (ACD) meeting today and tomorrow. Several updates and reports from ACD working groups are on the agenda. Today, we'll discuss the whirlwind of activities that NIH and HHS have been involved in related to the 2014 Ebola crisis, and we'll hear updates on peer review evaluation and workforce diversity efforts. …. Continue reading →

Following Up on the Biosketch Implementation

Posted on December 9, 2014 by Sally Rockey

We certainly heard a lot of input on the blog on the issue of the new biosketch format. I really appreciate the dialog. Even when the input is critical it is so important to hear what you think. Remember that the blog is just one of many points of input when we make policy decisions, however. In this case NIH …. Continue reading →

Top Stories

Simplifying the NIH Late Policy for Application Submission

NIH expects applications to be submitted on-time. On those rare occasions when on-time submission isn't possible (e.g., sudden severe illness of the PD/PI or the PD/PI's immediate family member), NIH has a late policy that was just simplified to be more consistent across program announcements and requests for applications. …. Continue reading →

SBIR/STTR Due Dates Are Changing

NIH's standard due dates for the small business innovation research (SBIR) and small business technology transfer research (STTR) programs are changing. These changes are in response to…. Continue reading →

Expanding ASSISTance to Additional Grant Programs in 2015

In 2015, applicants will have more submission options as ASSIST joins Grants.gov downloadable Adobe forms and system-to-system solutions as viable ways to submit grant applications to NIH. …. Continue reading →

New Resources

Learn More About Laboratory Animal Welfare Oversight

Earlier this month, the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) made several resources available to provide researchers and administrators with federal perspectives on the oversight of research involving animal models. In early December, OLAW and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Animal Care (AC) division published announcements …. Continue reading →

You Ask, We Answer

- **Do I Have to List All the Authors of the Publications Cited in My Biosketch and My Bibliography & References Section?**
- **How Do I Address and Mark Changes in My Re-submission (A1) Application?**

Calendar

January 19 (Monday), 2015: NIH Closed for Federal Holiday

NIH (including help desks) will be closed Monday, January 19, 2015 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). If a grant application due date falls on this federal holiday, the application deadline is automatically extended to the next business day.

Save the Date: 2015 NIH Regional Seminar in Baltimore, May 6-8

Mark your calendar for the 2015 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration in Baltimore, Maryland – May 6-8, 2015. …. Continue reading →

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