Welcome Letter from Frank Urso

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the first edition of the HCSRA Herald. We are excited to roll out this monthly newsletter. The purpose is to provide you with pertinent sponsored research content in a concise and consolidated way. I would like to thank the Communications and Community Building Working Group for their efforts and to all those in the organization who have provided suggestions for improving communication.

We hope this newsletter, along with the HCSRA listserv and new website, are just the start to unifying our organization’s communication efforts.

Please send any contact suggestions to the following email: HCSRA@hsphsun3.harvard.edu

Thanks Again!

Tip of the Month

If your budget includes subcontractors, you **must** list the sub budget costs in GMAS for accurate reporting. Please see the attached Job Aid for detailed instructions.

Upcoming Events

- **HCSRA website tours**: If you haven’t done so already please join us for a HCSRA website tour to learn all about your new research administration resource. Dates, times, and locations are under “Upcoming Events” on the HCSRA homepage. Can’t make any of these dates? Let Eileen (enielsen@hsph.harvard) or Diane (dstandring@hsph.harvard.edu) know and they’ll come to you!

- **Revised Independent Contractor Policy Training**: Multiple dates in June. Please go to the Harvard Training Portal for more details.

Featured Topic of the Month

**Sensitive Research Collaborations and Faculty Disclosures:**

Per Ara Tahmassian, the four major areas of concern are:

1. Integrity of Peer Review Process
2. Failure to Fully Disclose Information
3. Compliance with Regulatory Requirements
4. Loss of Intellectual Property (IP)

The federal agencies are coming up with additional guidance to help mitigate these risks. We can expect additional information to be forthcoming in the near future.

The Current guidance documentation and FAQs can be found under the “Update on NIH Reporting Requirements” section of the Office of the Vice Provost for Research homepage.

We have also attached the slides from Ara’s presentation in the event you were unable to make it.
AGENCY UPDATES

- NIH has increased the salary cap to $192,300 effective January 6, 2019. Please find the NIH notice here.
- Please see NIH’s blog post on the use of hyperlinks in applications here.
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) had made available examples of funded R01, R03, R15, R21, SBIR/STTR, K, and F applications, summary statements, sharing plans, leadership plans, and more. Please find more details here.
- NSF’s latest PAPPG, effective February 25, 2019, can be found here.
- On May 25, 2019, NSF published a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of a “For comment” draft of the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG). NSF is accepting comments until July 29, 2019. Question can be directed to policy@nsf.gov.

HARVARD HAPPENINGS

- The HCSRA website went live on 4/30/19! Please feel free to attend one of the website tours listed on the homepage.
- The B2P Supplier Portal Go Live Date is now June 3rd. For questions please contact: buytopay_procurement@harvard.edu and visit the Harvard Training Portal for more details & trainings.
- Please find the Fiscal Year-End 2019 Closing Schedule here.
- Revised University Independent Contractor Policy– The revised Independent Contractor Policy goes into effect 7/1/19 with early adoption encouraged. Find the policy and related resources here.

NEW HIRES SINCE FEBRUARY 2019

- Josiane Julmeus was hired as a Grants and Contracts Manager and joins the Research Administration Support Team in SPA.
- Abigail Ketchen was hired as a Senior Grants Manager and joins the Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research.
- Owen Linders was hired as a Grants and Finance Associate and joins Epidemiology.
- Emma Newton was hired as a Junior Grants Manager and joins Center for Biostatics in AIDS Research.
- Ruben Quinones was hired as a Financial Associate and joins Biostatistics.

FINANCE & RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION OPEN POSITIONS

- 49047BR—Senior Grants & Contracts Manager
- 48676BR—Grants & Contracts Manager
- 48988BR—Associate Director

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