

NIH Updates Recap



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NIH Updates

November RAPID Meeting

- New Training Data Tables
- xTRACT
- Age of Children Revised
- Form Updates
- Rigor and Transparency Requirements
- Vertebrate Animals Section

Upcoming NIH Submission Deadlines

February 5th – New R01 Applications

February 12th – New Career (K) Applications

February 16th – New R21 Applications

March 7th* – Renewal/Resubmission R01 Applications

March 14th* – Renewal/Resubmission Career (K) Applications

March 16th – Renewal/Resubmission R21 Applications

*When standard due dates fall on a weekend/holiday they are pushed to the following business day

NIH Standard Due Dates:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

NIH Updates

New Policy and Guidance

New Grants Policy Statement

Released November 2015

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/index.htm>

Updated Grants.gov SF424 Submission Instructions

Released November 2015

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm>

Please visit the OSRA home page to download a comprehensive updates overview document

Rigor and Transparency

NIH Areas of Focus – Effective 1/25/2016

Major Goal

- Enhance the reproducibility of research findings

Approach

- Revised instruction for preparing application Research Strategy
- Use of the new “Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources” attachment
- Additional rigor and transparency questions for application reviewers

Focus

- The scientific premise forming the basis of the proposed research
- Rigorous experimental design for robust and unbiased results
- Consideration of relevant biological variables, and
- Authentication of key biological and/or chemical resources

Rigor and Transparency

Research Strategy

Significance

Describe the scientific premise for the proposed project, including consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of published research or preliminary data crucial to the support of your application

Approach

Describe the experimental design and methods proposed and how they will achieve robust and unbiased results. Explain how relevant biological variables are factored into research designs and analyses for studies in vertebrate animals and humans

Rigor and Transparency

Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources

- New application component in which PIs must briefly describe methods to ensure the identity and validity of key biological and/or chemical resources used in the proposed studies
- Information should focus on the authentication and/or validation of key resources to be used in the study
- Separate PDF attachment
 - Adobe Forms C – Other Attachments

Rigor and Transparency

RPPR and Review Focus

RPPRs:

- Progress Reports submitted on or after January 25th, 2016 must emphasize rigorous approaches taken to ensure robust and unbiased results
- The RPPR instructions will be updated by January 25th, 2016

New Reviewer Focus:

- Strong scientific premise
- Robust and unbiased approach
- Clearly address biological variables for animal and human studies

Vertebrate Animals Section

Effective 1/25/2016

Updated Requirements

- Description of Procedures
- Justifications
- Minimization of Pain and Distress
- Euthanasia consistent with American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Guidelines

Significant Changes

- A description of veterinary care is no longer required
- Justification for the number of animals has been eliminated
- A description of the method of euthanasia is required only if the method is not consistent with AVMA guidelines

NIH Salary Cap

NIH Salary Cap Increases from \$183,300 to \$185,100 effective January 10th, 2016

Applications

All grant applications with a start date on or after January 10th should employ this new cost cap for all personnel with a base salary over \$185,100.

Awards

All awards received with a start date on or after January 10th should employ this new cost cap for all personnel with a base salary over \$185,100.

Budgeting Across Effective Dates

For awards with active periods both before and after January 10th (i.e. 11/1/15 – 10/31/2016) it is highly recommended that departments prorate salary, employing the \$183,300 cap prior to January 10th and \$185,100 cap after.

Any questions or concerns about this update can be directed to your assigned Grants Specialist or grantsandcontracts@med.cornell.edu.

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