Research Administrator Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2018
10:00-12:00
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• **DSP Staffing**
  – May 21  Kurt Henderson, Contract Administrator, joins DSP
  – June 1  Edie Pierce-Thomas is retiring
  – Two searches pending

• **eDSP Outgoing Subawards Released May 5, 2018**
DSP Outreach

• For research administrators who are new to the UI or changing departments, DSP offers overview meetings

• For all research administrators:
  – Research Administration Dispatch (RAD)
    • Sponsor updates, regulatory updates, course offerings, etc.
    • RAD Archive
  – Grant Bulletin
    • Online publication of funding opportunities and related news
    • Join the Listserv

• DSP will meet with your unit (faculty and/or administrators) on topics of interest
DSP Announcements

Join us for the Research Compliance Carnival

Science Thursday

September 27, 2018
TECHNOLOGY REVIEW PROCESS
Software Review Process (https://its.uiowa.edu/campus-software-program/technology-reviews)

- Review software to make sure it meets University requirements
- Reduce Institutional Risk
- Attempt to reduce duplication of software titles on campus
- Leverage volume purchases to save money
WHAT DO WE REVIEW?

- Licensing Terms
- Legal Terms
- Security
- Accessibility
- Credit Card/Payment
We may be able to bypass the review if one of these are true:

- Trial use/versions of software (submit if decision made to move forward)
- Under $250
- Free or Open Source

And none of the following factors exist:

- Cloud-based
- Confidential Information
- Vendor will be on campus
- Signature is required
- Over 500 users (or open to the public)
- Required tool (class or departmental work)
Internal Audit conducted a review of controls around acquisition of cloud computing.

- Focus was on “cloud” titles, but findings generally applied to all reviews
- We didn’t want a separate process for cloud software vs other software
MOST COMMON ISSUES IDENTIFIED

1. Confusion over what software/services need to be reviewed
   - People aren’t aware of the process
2. Confusion regarding the “List of Reviewed Agreements”
3. Accurate understanding of the review time (takes longer than people think)
   - Sometimes purchase occurs before review, which can be problematic
4. Current backend processes are highly manual, and use email messages for the “workflow”
   - Increases likelihood for errors or lost requests
   - Significant time spent just understanding the current status of a request
5. Lack of transparency in the process
6. Local IT Director is often not involved in the process
CHANGES TO THE PROCESS

1. Created an Available Software list of approved/recommended titles
2. The “List of Reviewed Agreements” will be removed from the main page
   - Will be available in another location
3. Built a Universal Workflow form for the technology review process
   - Reviews are done in parallel and all information is stored in a single location
   - The status of each review is available to the customer making the overall process more transparent
   - The form is automatically routed to the next stop once approved
4. Local IT Director will be part of the process, they will see everything for their org (coming soon)
WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT

1. Compliance with regulations, law, and University policy

2. Risks
   - Financial
   - Technical
   - Institutional data security
BENEFITS

1. Potential cost savings
   - Bulk licensing
   - Discounts on hardware configurations

2. Oversight and assistance
   - Is there an existing technology solution that will meet the need?
   - Has the software already been reviewed?
RESOURCES/LINKS

- University Credit Card Policy: [https://treasury.fo.uiowa.edu/policies-and-procedures/credit-card-acceptance-security-guidelines](https://treasury.fo.uiowa.edu/policies-and-procedures/credit-card-acceptance-security-guidelines)
- New Merchant Account Request: [https://finapps.bo.uiowa.edu/MerchantAccount/](https://finapps.bo.uiowa.edu/MerchantAccount/)
- Credit Card Questions: treasury-creditcards@uiowa.edu
- Available Software - [https://its.uiowa.edu/available-software](https://its.uiowa.edu/available-software)
- Technology Review Process (link to form) [https://its.uiowa.edu/campus-software-program/technology-reviews](https://its.uiowa.edu/campus-software-program/technology-reviews)
Questions?
Phase 1 of NSF's proposal modernization

• Only for full, non-collaborative, research proposals
• Additional validations such as font sizes, margins, page limits, required section headings...
• Must upload .pdf files except for Collaborators & Other Affiliations file
• Auto-pagination
• Budget form now reports effort in person months – no longer broken down by calendar, academic or summer
• Old Current and Pending Support form will error out – please find a compliant template at https://dsp.research.uiowa.edu/national-science-foundation-nsf under Useful links section
• Research.gov Proposal Preparation: Orientation handout also found at the link above
Other Authorized User Access

To add Other Authorized User (admin. support) access to proposal click on Manage Personnel.
Other Authorized User Access

Click to add Other Authorized User. Will then be asked for NSF ID or email address.
NIH Updates

- [NOT-OD-18-133](#) Advance Notice of Transition to the xTRACT System for Preparing Research Training Data Tables.
- [NOT-OD-18-175](#) Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2018.
NIH Updates

- Upcoming changes
  - Definition of Clinical Trial
  - Rigor and Reproducibility for Fellowship and Training grants

- NIH RePORTER - MATCHMAKER
  - https://projectreporter.nih.gov/reporter.cfm
Data Use Agreements

• Data Use Agreements (DUAs) are contractual documents used for the transfer of non-public data that is subject to some restriction on its use.
  – Incoming DUAs: UI receives data from an outside entity
  – Outgoing DUAs: Data housed at UI shared with an outside entity

• May involve coordinating with other central offices to ensure compliance: IT Security, HSO, IT Software

• See our DSP webpage for more information: https://dsp.research.uiowa.edu/data-use-agreements

• DSP is available to do training
Data Management/Sharing Plans

Presented by Brian Westra
Many research funders require that a data management plan (DMP) or data sharing plan be included with funding proposals:

- AHA
- NOAA
- DOD
- Moore Foundation
- NSF
- Dep. of Energy
- NASA
- Sloan Foundation
- DOT
- NEH
- USGS
- IMLS
- NIH
**Goal:** Create a plan for **good data practices** that will enable **timely data sharing** (whether by open access or more restrictive means)

Timely: “no later than the acceptance for publication of the main findings from the final dataset” (NIH)

**Why the requirement?**

- Publicly funded research → public access to outcomes
- Shared data increases rate of scientific progress
- Reproducibility
- Broader impact
- Sharing data requires planning and preparation
Guidance/requirements hierarchy (NSF)
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Data Management/Sharing Plans

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Funding opportunity announcement

Division guidance

Directorate guidance
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Data Management/Sharing Plans

What’s in a “typical” NSF DMP?

1. Description of the data

2. Considerations for file formats (open vs. proprietary), and how descriptive information (metadata) about the data will be recorded

3. Policies and provisions for access and sharing, including privacy, intellectual property (e.g., DUAs)

4. When will the data be shared? How will access be preserved?

5. How will other researchers locate and access the data?
NIH description of metadata:

“information about the methodology and procedures used to collect the data, details about codes, definitions of variables, variable field locations, frequencies, and the like.

...will vary by scientific area, study design, the type of data collected, and characteristics of the dataset.”
UI support for data management & data sharing:

1. DMP consultations with proposal writers

2. During projects, through:
   a) Infrastructure (e.g. secure storage)
   b) Training on tools, resources, and best practices
   c) Data governance and technical compliance

3. Curation:
   a) Preparing data sets and associated information
   b) Depositing in university or other repositories

4. DUAs
Data Management/Sharing Plans

Email: lib-data@uiowa.edu

Website: http://guides.lib.uiowa.edu/data/plans

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OutGoing Subawards

• **Subawards from the University of Iowa Website**
• Data Management Plans
• Amendments
• Reporting Requirements
• Feedback on eDSP Subaward Request Module
Division of Sponsored Programs
2 Gilmore Hall
Phone: 335-2123

Email: dsp@uiowa.edu (General)
nih@uiowa.edu (DHHS related emails)
era@uiowa.edu (Other federal and non-federal grant emails)
dsp-contracts@uiowa.edu (Contract emails)
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GAO Announcements

- FY17 Single Audit
Staff Announcements:

- Qi Zheng, hired as Accountant, Non Fed Team, February 2018

http://gao.fo.uiowa.edu/contact-us
DSP-GAO are finalizing a new process to collect & streamline info required when a PI leaves the University or changes their employment status.

Process includes:
- Workflow form initiated by Dept/PI
  - One form per project
- Form routes to Dept Research Admin, and then GAO for review
- Email notification sent to DSP, Human Subject Office, IACUC, and Environmental Health & Safety (as applicable)
What will the new form require?

- PI name, term/end date, g/p nbr & seq #
- Whether project includes:
  - Human subjects
  - Animals
  - Lab close out
  - Sub awards
  - Equipment (including federally furnished)
- Identification of plan for project (& attachments, if needed):
  - Ending/early termination
  - Request approval to transfer to PIs new institution
  - Request approval to change PI
  - Request approval for PI to change to adjunct or emeritus
What won’t change?

Importance of providing information as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition
For Federal awards:

- Salaries of admin & clerical staff should normally be treated as indirect costs (CFR 200.413)
- Items such as office supplies, postage, local telephone costs, and memberships must normally be treated as indirect costs (Appendix III to CFR Part 200, B.6.b.(2))
What are indirect costs?
Costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective*, and are not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted.

These costs are expected to be recovered through our approved F&A rate(s).

*Cost objectives may be a particular service or project, a Federal award, or an indirect activity
When is it appropriate to direct charge **salaries of administrative & clerical staff**:

1. When the award has an unusual type or volume of administrative tasks
   - Not routine, basic support provided across/for dept, unit, PI
2. Individual can be specifically identified with the project or activity
   - Easy to track time spent on specific activity
3. Cost is explicitly included in the sponsor approved budget/budget justification, or have prior written approval of sponsor (if required)
When is it appropriate to direct charge *office supplies, postage, local telephone, and memberships*?

- Item directly benefits the project
- Dept/PI has documentation to justify cost & support direct benefit

Generally, cost should be fully described in the sponsor approved budget/budget justification.
Administrative Costs

Links to GAO Guidelines:
- Office Supplies, Postage & Telephone
- Clerical & Administrative Salaries