

GPAC Notes – November 11, 2015

Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International (AAALAC)

AAALAC is a secondary accreditation for the use of laboratory animals in research. The AAALAC Board has voted to revoke the university's accreditation. This is not an official loss of the accreditation; the university will have opportunity to go through an appeals process prior to losing this accreditation.

In no way does this stop animal research at the university. More information will become available as the process moves forward.

Institutional Base Salary Requirements

Heather Offhaus is in discussion with ORSP regarding what constitutes an institutional base salary. While waiting for clarification, continue to use 12 month salaries with distinctions in regards to partial appointments.

Space

On December 21, eRPM will release changes that include the ability to choose to forgo listing room numbers for investigators on the PAF and instead choose to check a box which states that adequate space will be provided for investigators and designate a department ID. The designated department will then sign the PAF promising that they will take care of space for that investigator. This will also work for the VA and the hospital except when clinical space is required. In those cases CDA approval is still required. Be sure to work with all schools and departments on every PAF to ensure that their space is being represented according to their individual practices and policies as not everyone on campus will utilize the new "adequate space" option.

Starting immediately, if an investigator sits in Cancer Center space and the department is responsible for providing the space, the Cancer Center does not have to approve space. Clinical space will still need Cancer Center approval.

Budget Tool on PAF

At one point, a survey indicated that there was a need for a university supported budget tool to be implemented in eRPM. UM is reviewing a web based system. Some of the pros of this system is that it will auto-generate the budget into SF424 pages and can manage subcontracts. The company will customize the program for a fee to give it added functionality.

The committee working on this project is looking for initial thoughts from the community. Please send feedback to Cassy Farvar.

NIH

One proposal was rejected by NIH in the last application cycle because the total direct costs in the third year equaled \$500,000 and NIH requires that all proposals with a total direct cost of \$500,000 or above in any budget period must have prior approval to submit.

NIH will roll out a new form set which will be required to be used starting for all proposals due May 25th or later. This will be Form Set D. It will be available to be used prior to May 25th.

Non-Clinical Trial Contracts

Clinical Trial PAFs have a CTRF function which allows the contracts for clinical trials to be sent to ORSP to work on while the budget is worked out in the project team. The question was asked whether people feel like this function would be useful for non-clinical trial contracts. Contact Heather Offhaus if you have an opinion on this matter.

Clinical Trials

The school's Office of Research has invested in ORSP to benefit the Medical School through an MOU. Some of this investment will provide dedicated or additional time to be spent on clinical trials, but should benefit other areas as well. If you have any insight regarding areas that would be beneficial to the Medical School for ORSP to have a faster turnaround time, please contact Heather Offhaus.

Non-Disclosure Agreements in eRPM

The Grants Review and Analysis office will be looking at non-disclosure agreements that have been created but have not been acted upon in roughly 21 days. Outliers will be cancelled in order to keep the data set viable.