

GPAC Notes

April 10, 2013

Training class: NIH Research Proposal – Administrative Shell

May 8th - Grants Office will hold a training session on the Administrative Shell of NIH Research Projects

- Session will be in place of May GPAC meeting
- Please come and encourage others to come
- Talk to Heather if you would like to use the materials to conduct your own training session in your department
- Registration: https://umichumhs.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2sKTqU6G2sTnr81

NIH Sequestration

- Salary cap was overridden last week in the Continuing Resolution budget approval. It will remain at \$179,700
- Expecting the total impact of sequestration to NIH to be around 4.8%, but actual line item cuts may vary between institutes
- Hoping that revised Notice Of Awards will be issued for non-competitive renewals
- RUMORS – NIH has not posted any funding policies yet
 - Carry-forwards
 - Remember that carry-forward requests are money that has already been allocated and are not in the scope of what will potentially be cut
 - BUT may reduce the next year's award
 - NCTX – some institutes have said that they are not being discussed

eRPM updates

- System offline Friday, 4/19 at 5pm to late 4/21 for upgrades
- 3 changes of note:
 - Email subject line field moving to the top of the "Post a Comment" activity and the text box in the activity is getting bigger so .
 - Animal question changing
 - Will be tied to the eRAM system, and will pull over protocol information
 - If you answer 'yes' to animal use, you will be prompted to answer 3 questions regarding the protocol submission status
 - Subcontract tab
 - Changes affect the post-award side
 - Can now submit an amendment request form through eRPM
 - Revised process for changing subcontractor investigator – will need to select if sponsor approval is needed and if you require ORSP assistance
 - Makes OCA process more transparent
 - Sponsored Programs / OCA have committed to a webinar to explain updates and process. Watch for the announcement! (It will be taped for later viewing also.)

Communication in eRPM

- Handout for Administrative Shell changes after routing in eRPM best practices
 - Group agreed to work on being more descriptive about what changes are made and who they effect
 - Grants Office requests to be notified prior to a change being made, even when requested by ORSP
- Handout for “Post a Comment” activity best practices
 - Reminder to make the comments meaningful, but concise
 - Everyone that has access to the PAF can see the comments, thus it is a more useful tool when you briefly explain what changes were made or why this note is being posted to the proposal’s record
- Both handouts are available on the Proposal Routing website from the training class and not attached to the notes.
<http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/grants/top10/>

Medical School will continue to submit PHS proposals

- Handout was distributed with a draft of the Service Policy for submissions
- Also part of the Proposal Routing training website above.

Material Transfer Agreements

- Push to get UFAs into eRPM
- 7/1 MTAs are moving to OTT with details still being figured out – watch for future notices, but as of now there are no concrete process/changes to share.
- Discussed what departments need to know/sign for on the MTF
 - Whether affiliated with a sponsor or institutionally funded research project
 - Whether it is the faculty members responsibility to ensure safety in the lab
 - Space assignment for the material
 - Admin responsibility to do cursory review of terms and conditions to ensure that the department has the necessary controls in place?

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