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NEW! HCRS PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM LINK

The HCRS Proposal Request Form link has changed to https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eQZQW00tdPNVQ1v. This revamped form includes the proposal questionnaire, which we previously emailed separately each time a form was submitted to our office. Our hope is this will streamline the process of getting your proposal started and reduce the number of emails in your inbox!

If you previously bookmarked the link, please be sure to update with the new URL. You can also access the form on the homepage of the HCRS website.

NIH CONFERENCE UPDATE: HUMAN SUBJECTS
By Theresa Couch

NIH devoted several sessions to human subjects research at their Spring Seminar in May. As we turn our attention to the October deadlines, I wanted to highlight of some key points on human subjects research from the conference:

1. Not sure if your project involves human subjects research?Complete this decision tool! Need help to determine if data or specimens qualify as human subjects research? Check out this decision tree!

2. If your project involves human data or specimens but is not considered human subjects research, you will need to include an explanation of no human subjects involvement. In this section, be sure to address (1) the source of the data or specimens (e.g. repository), (2) the purpose of collection (e.g. for another study), (3) what access there are to identifiers (e.g. code key), and (4) the roles of those with access to identifiers (e.g. providing data only, not on study team). Be very explicit!

3. Do **not** repeat information included in the PHS Humans Subjects and Clinical Trials Information form in your research strategy! Save that valuable space in your research strategy to discuss the overall methodology of your project and make references when appropriate to human subjects information in the study record.

4. Reviewers note the "incidental findings" section in the Protection of Human Subjects attachment is often missing or lacking, so be sure to address this topic fully.

5. The Inclusion Across the Lifespan policy replaces the Inclusion of Children in Research policy for applications due on or after January 25, 2019. This affects both proposals and progress reports. Review the inclusion infographic for a quick visual.

If you have questions about human subjects research, contact us in HCRS, review the NIH human subjects online resources, contact the OHRP, or consult with your program officer.

ORCID iD AND TRACKING CAREER OUTCOMES
By Teresa Thomas

Effective October 1, 2019, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) requires all fellowship and career awardees to have a unique iD through the non-profit organization, Open Researcher and Contributor Identification (ORCID). (See NOT-OD-19-109) The unique persistent identifier (ORCID iD) automatically links awarded fellowships/grants/contracts, national laboratory use, a person's name or institution changes, teaching responsibilities, publications, and other scholarly activities during a researcher's career. The connections allow for consistent reporting for funding agencies while scholars can update their professional activities across multiple platforms by entering the data in one location. Faculty, research associates, and graduate students are encouraged to obtain the ORCID iD and update their federal profiles with this unique identifier. For NIH, the ORCID iD must be linked to the individual's electronic Research Administration (eRA) account. Those utilizing or requiring the ORCID iD include Howard Hughes Medical Institute, UK Research & Innovation, Wellcome Trust, and US federal agencies (NIH, CDC, AHRQ, DOE, NASA, DOT, and USDA).

To obtain your ORCID iD go to: ORCID iD - Register
To link your ORCID iD to your ERA Commons profile go to: ERA Commons

NIH GRANT SAMPLES AND TIPS
By Theresa Couch

NIH offers several resources to help investigators write a strong grant application.

NIAID has compiled examples of successful proposals funded under the R, K, and F award mechanisms. Some proposal requirements have changed since these applications were submitted, but these examples may help to provide some guidance on how project ideas were successfully presented to reviewers.

Be sure to scroll to the bottom of the NIAID web page for links to examples of NCI-funded applications, data sharing plans, multiple PI leadership plans, and more.

You may also want to review NIH's Important Writing Tips,

remind yourself of the overall [peer review process](#), review the recent updates to [review criteria](#), and consider guidance on what content to include in your [summary versus narrative documents](#).

Finally, for those interested in submitting a Fellowship application, listen to the [All About Grants podcast](#) for the "A to Z on F applications."