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CONGRATULATIONS, ERIN GORMAN!

Health Colleges Research Services Office (HCRS) director, Erin Gorman, was nominated and recently selected for two awards on campus. October 2019 ended with celebrations honoring the great work she does for the HCRS office and Michigan State University! Erin is one of the recipients of the [2019 Supervisor of the Year](#) from the MSU WorkLife Office and [Fall 2019 Unit Spotlight Research Administrator award](#) from the Sponsored Programs Administration office. Congratulations, Erin!

OTHER SUPPORT UPDATE

By Theresa Couch

As mentioned in the [May 2019 HCRS newsletter](#), investigators should include all resources in support of research endeavors, regardless of monetary value, including gifts, grants, and contracts in their Other Support document (sometimes called Current & Pending Support).

We continue to learn more about the requirements for Other Support documents as federal agencies issue clarifications. NIH issued [NOT-OD-19-114](#) in July 2019, and now has published an [FAQ page](#) addressing other support and foreign components.

The MSU Office of Sponsored Programs is maintaining a webpage with [Other Support requirements by sponsor](#) as a resource for campus. Please refer to this webpage for the latest news and updates.

In response to these requirements, there is a [new proposal certification question](#) in Quali Coeus (KC) for investigators when approving a Proposal Document (PD) regarding Other Support. Please answer this question as you would for a federal proposal even if the sponsor does not require Other Support documentation (e.g. foundations). We expect new Conflict of Interest (COI) questions regarding Other Support/ Foreign Affiliations to be added in the COI module, though these are not yet finalized.

HCRS will continue to notify faculty and staff of Other Support and COI updates as they become available.

PROPOSAL NOTIFICATION REMINDER

By Erin Gorman

We request that you notify our office of your intent to submit a proposal at least 8 weeks prior to the sponsor deadline ([proposal request form](#)). This is particularly important if your project involves subawards.

Most institutions are implementing proposal deadline policies that require a minimum of 4-6 weeks to process subaward documents. For example, The University of Michigan is implementing a deadline policy in January of 2020. Some Colleges at U of M have chosen to enforce a more restrictive policy that precludes them from providing any documentation (including draft budgets) to us until all documents are fully approved by their central office. This delays our ability to finalize the MSU budget and may cause your proposal to be late or at-risk.

HUMAN SUBJECTS UPDATE

By Theresa Couch

The MSU Human Research Protections Program (HRPP) presented at the Grand Rapids Research Center in November on recent changes to human subjects research requirements and the Single IRB (sIRB). Below are some important topics covered in the session.

If your proposal involves human subjects and you plan to include a *domestic* subaward or study site, please submit an sIRB application in Click even if you are not sure the research will be subject to sIRB. We described the sIRB process in Click in the [October 2019 HCRS newsletter](#).

HRPP will help determine if the subaward site is following the same protocol, which is highly dependent upon project details, and if an sIRB document will be required for the proposal. The sIRB must be *designated* at the time of proposal, but IRB approval is not required at this stage.

Federal agencies continue to issue clarifications on the Revised Common Rule sIRB requirement, which becomes effective January 20, 2020. While the Department of Health and Human Services is already implementing the sIRB requirement, clarification is pending from other federal sponsors, including the National Science Foundation and U.S. Department of Education.

For more information on sIRB and how MSU is implementing these changes, please watch [this presentation](#) by Kristen Burt of the MSU HRPP office from April 2019. If you have questions about human subjects or sIRB, please contact HRPP at irb@ora.msu.edu or 517-355-2180.

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