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WELCOME, STEPHANIE!

Stephanie Hay will be joining us on the pre-award team starting February 26th! Stephanie has worked in Contracts and Grants Administration (CGA) for over 12 years and brings with her a wealth of knowledge in the research administration field. In addition to central administration, Stephanie has done pre-award, financial, and compliance training. She is a Certified Research Administrator, Certified Public Accountant, and Certified Management Accountant.

HEALTH EQUITY QUESTION ON PROPOSAL INTAKE FORM

The College of Human Medicine (CHM) is tracking proposals and awards concerning Health Equity as it relates to the CHM strategic plan. You may notice a new question on the proposal intake form if you are submitting through the College of Human Medicine. Tracking health equity-focused projects provides potential opportunities for investigators to reap investment by the college if they are pursuing research in this area. Only future proposals are being tracked and CHM is not retroactively identifying proposals or awards related to health equity.

The following can help determine if you are unsure if your project is related to health equity:

- Health equity is the state in which everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their highest level of health. Achieving this requires focused and ongoing societal efforts to address historical and contemporary injustices; overcome economic, social, and other obstacles to health and healthcare; and eliminate preventable health disparities. Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and healthcare disparities. ([CDC](#))
- Disparities relevant to health equity can include: class, income, race, age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, geography, country of origin, veteran status, disability, physical appearance, language, indigeneity, health literacy or educational attainment, etc.

Please contact CHM.ResearchAdmin@msu.edu if you have any questions about this initiative.

ERA COMMONS ID REQUIRED

An eRA Commons ID is required for all Senior/Key personnel named in NIH grant applications, per [NOT-OD-24-042](#). Your pre-award liaison can work with OSP to create an ID if MSU or HFH faculty with MSU appointments do not have a Commons ID. Non-MSU key personnel should

work with their organization to obtain a Commons ID. Without a Commons ID, your application will generate errors and cannot be successfully submitted.

HUMAN SUBJECTS AND YOUR AWARD

Recent award delays have highlighted the importance of correctly identifying human subjects in proposals. For example, when MSU is a sub-award site but not engaged in human subjects research, please answer NO to the human subjects question on the proposal intake form. Answering YES to this question can delay award negotiation and account set up until an IRB determination letter is issued.

Please keep in mind, the proposal intake form should reflect MSU scope only, and HCRS enters your responses in KR which become part of the institutional record of the proposal. If MSU receives non-identifiable information or is otherwise not engaged in human subjects research, please answer NO to human subjects questions, regardless of the lead institution's engagement with human subjects. If YES is marked for human subjects research, IRB review and approval is required before the account can be set up and research can begin. IRB review is required to determine exemption if there are human subjects, but not required if there are no human subjects.

Please direct inquiries about human subjects questionnaires to HCRS.proposals@msu.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RxKids Launch Bash- February 14th

- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Free family-friendly activities and resources at the Flint Children's Museum
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: **Adults Only. Red attire is encouraged.** A love-filled, adults-only evening at the iconic Capitol Theatre featuring local and national talent including Mama Sol, David Blight, Semaj Brown, Feimstro, and more.
 - **FREE TICKETS HERE:** <https://tickets.thefim.org/rxkids>
 - Donates to Rx Kids are encouraged. [Donate here.](#)

[Changing Health Care](#) with Dr. Caleb Bupp- Thursday February 15th at 7PM

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