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## OVPR / OSP UPDATES

### ➢ *New* Office of Research Integrity (ORI)

You may have heard that the (former) Research Protections Office (IRB and IACUC), Export Control compliance, Conflict of Interest, and Research Ethics and Integrity have united their research support operations under the new Office of Research Integrity (ORI)! The ORI supports the Brown University research community by providing guidance, education and resources to facilitate the conduct of ethical research in accordance with governing federal and state regulations and University policies. The ORI's multidisciplinary team:

- Provides administrative support and regulatory advisement to the University's IRB, IACUC, and Conflict of Interest Review Board;
- Conducts outreach and education to researchers and staff regarding best practices to facilitate regulatory compliance and required institutional approvals;
- Promotes integrity in scholarship by supporting education in ethical and responsible conduct of research and through provision of customized sessions in research integrity by invitation;
- Handles allegations of research misconduct or other reports of research-related noncompliance;
- Manages the University's Export Control compliance program.

Stay tuned for some upcoming improvements to our forms and websites!

## ➢ OVPR Welcomes Dr. Edel Minogue as Research Development Specialist

The Research Development team in OVPR is pleased to welcome Dr. Edel Minogue as a research development specialist supporting the Division of Biology and Medicine and the School of Public Health. Edel joins us from Ryon Technologies, where she served as Chief Executive Officer.  She has a Ph.D. and B. Sc in Chemistry from Dublin City University. Edel can be reached at 401-863-5465 or edel_minogue@brown.edu

## ➢ Need Funding? There are some tools to help you

As the new academic year approaches many researchers turn their attention to the search for new funding for their projects, future sabbatical leaves or perhaps even that long deserved career award. That process can often appear overwhelming, fortunately, there are a number of resources that can serve you to streamline the search and hopefully improve both the efficiency and efficacy of successful grantsmanship.

For an overview of the landscape of grant finding resources the library has developed a guide that can orient you to the various free and licensed databases and other associated tools. Here, in this post, we highlight PIVOT (formerly known as Community of Science) and describe how it might serve as a valuable asset for researchers in all disciplines and at various stages of your career.

Some of the main features of this database of funding opportunities include:
- 25,000 to 30,000 current funding opportunities
- Funding from government agencies, foundations, academic institutions and more
- Individual accounts for receiving updates and personalized results based on your profile
- Tools for saving searches and managing funding opportunities of interest
- International coverage with awards ranging from $500 to $10+ million

The library will recommence training workshops on PIVOT and related tools starting in September 2015. If you are interested in either an individual tutorial or a training session for your department or research group feel free to contact ian_straughn@brown.edu for an appointment.

## ➢ Brown and University of Rhode Island Research Administrators hold joint session in Providence

On June 30th  senior staff members of the Offices of Sponsored Projects at Brown and URI met to discuss best business practices and common concerns for a number of grants management functions.  The participants included members of the Pre- and Post-Award and Systems team. We were able to agree on a number of ways to streamline the work flowing between our offices, most importantly in the subaward area.  We touched on the adoption of the new Uniform Guidance for federal awards and other timely topics.  Brown and URI agreed to meet again in the future so that we can continue our efforts towards efficiency and expediency.

## ➢ Research Development & Grant Writing News – July Issue

The July issue is now available online. (Brown users must sign-in to access this subscription.) This newsletter offers strategies on how to compete successfully for research funding and highlights new funding opportunities.

# FEDERAL UPDATES
## Upcoming Proposal Submission Deadlines

Below are upcoming due dates for the most commonly used activity codes for **_NIH, AHRQ, & NSF Submissions_**. **Please continue to refer to the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for due date information.**

*All Proposals are due to OSP / BMRA at the close of the business day unless a time is indicated below.*

### NIH

*Click here to view the listing of all the upcoming due dates for NIH.*

| Activity Code | Program Description | Sponsor Due Date | | OSP/BMRA Due Date | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | New Application | Resubmission, Renewal, Revision Application | New Application | Resubmission, Renewal, Revision Application |
| R01 | Research Grants (R01) | 10/05/2015 | 11/05/2015 | 09/28/2015 (9 am) | 10/28/2015 |
| K Series | Research Career Development | 10/12/2015 | 11/12/2015 | 10/05/2015 (9 am) | 11/04/2015 |
| R03, R21, R33, R21/33, R34, R36 | Other Research Grants | 10/16/2015 | 11/16/2015 | 10/08/2015 | 11/09/2015 (9 am) |
| F Series Fellowships | Individual National Research Service Awards | 12/08/2015 | | 11/30/2015 | |
| T Series | Institutional National Research Service Awards | 09/25/2015 | | 09/17/2015 | |
| D Series | Other Training Grants | 09/25/2015 | | 09/17/2015 | |
| P Series | Program Project Grants and Center Grants | 09/25/2015 | | 09/17/2015 | |

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### AHRQ

*Click here to view the listing of all the upcoming due dates for AHRQ.*

| Grant Mechanism | Type of Application | Sponsor Due Date | | OSP/BMRA Due Date | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | New Application | Resubmission, Renewal, Revision Application | New Application | Resubmission, Renewal, Revision Application |
| R01 | Large Research Projects | 10/05/2015 | 11/05/2015 | 09/28/2015 (9 am) | 10/28/2015 |
| R03 | Small Research Projects | 10/16/2015 | 11/16/2015 | 10/08/2015 | 11/09/2015 (9 am) |
| K01 | Mentored Research Scientist Development Awards | 10/12/2015 | 11/12/2015 | 10/05/2015 (9 am) | 11/04/2015 |
| K08 | Mentored Research Scientist Development | 10/12/2015 | 11/12/2015 | 10/05/2015 (9 am) | 11/04/2015 |

| | Awards | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| F32 | Postdoctoral Individual NRSA Awards | 12/08/2015 | | 11/30/2015 |

## NSF

*Click here to view the listing of all the upcoming Due Dates for NSF.*

| Program Guidelines | Program Title | Sponsor Due Date | OSP/BMRA Due Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15-563 | Building Community and Capacity in data Intensive Research in Education (BCC-HER) | 09/01/2015 | 08/25/2015 |
| 15-577 | Collections in Support of Biological Research | 09/10/2015 | 09/02/2015 |
| 13-570 | Joint DMS/NIGMS Initiative to Support Research at the Interface of the Biological and Mathematical Sciences (DMS/NIGMS) | 09/15/2015 | 09/08/2015 *(9 am)* |
| 12-566 | Focused Research Groups in the Mathematical Sciences (FRG) | 09/18/2015 | 09/10/2015 |
| 15-581 | NSF Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) | 09/22/2015 | 09/14/2015 |
| 15-583 | Science of Science and Innovation Policy Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grants (SciSIP-DDRIG) | 09/29/2015 | 09/21/2015 |
| 13-596 | NSF/DOE Partnership in Basic Plasma Science and Engineering | 10/02/2015 | 09/24/2015 |
| 13-568 | Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants in the Directorate of Biological Sciences (DDIG) | 10/08/2015 | 09/30/2015 |
| 10-510 | Geospace Environment Modeling (GEM) | 10/15/2015 | 10/07/2015 |
| 15-579 | Division of Physics: Investigator-Initiated Research Projects (PHY) | 10/28/2015 | 10/20/2015 |
| 14-504 | Collaborative Research in Computational Neuroscience (CRCNS) | 10/29/2015 | 10/21/2015 |

# SPONSOR / AGENCY UPDATES

**NIH UPDATE**

## ➤ Advance Notice: NIH Anticipates Transition to New Research Training Data Table Formats in FY 2016

NOT-OD-15-112

NIH anticipates adopting new research training data table formats in FY 2016 for use with institutional training grant applications and Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs). NIH is developing an electronic system, *xTRACT*, for creating research training data tables and storing the information reported in those tables. In conjunction with the creation of that electronic system, and to implement related recommendations from the Biomedical Working Group, NIH expects to make a number of changes in its existing training data tables, including:

- Reducing the maximum number of tables from 12 to 8
- Minimizing the reporting of individual-level information
- Extending the tracking of trainee outcomes from 10 to 15 years

To the extent possible, existing NIH data will be used to pre-populate the xTRACT system, including trainee names and selected characteristics, institutions, grant numbers, and subsequent NIH awards.

NIH anticipates releasing the new training table formats by the end of September 2015, for inclusion in RPPRs submitted December 1, 2015 or later and applications submitted for the May 26, 2016 due date and after. At the same time, NIH expects to make the xTRACT system available as an option for creating data tables for T32, TL1, T90/R90, and T15 RPPRs and applications. The xTRACT system is being piloted for creating training data tables, and will not be required for FY 2016. Fillable table formats (i.e., in MS Word) for the new tables will be available for applicants that choose to use them instead of the xTRACT system.

## ➤ Standardized Test Scores Are No Longer Required in Biosketches for Individual Fellowship Applications (F30 and F31)

NOT-OD-15-120

NIH has eliminated the requirement for inclusion of scores from standardized exams (e.g., MCAT, GRE) in the fellowship biosketch from the following funding opportunity announcements, effective immediately:

| FOA | Program Title |
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| PA-14-147 | Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (Parent F31) |
| PA-14-148 | Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Individual Predoctoral Fellowship to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (Parent F31 – Diversity) |
| PA-14-150 | Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Predoctoral MD/PhD or Other Dual-Doctoral Degree Fellowship (Parent F30) |

## ➤ Request for Information (RFI): Inviting Comments and Suggestions on a Framework for the NIH-wide Strategic Plan

NIH is seeking input from stakeholders throughout the extramural community and the general public on the proposed framework for the 5-year, NIH-wide Strategic Plan.

The NIH-wide Strategic Plan Framework and all related information can be found at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rfi/rfi.cfm?ID=46

- Responses (no longer than 300 words in MS Word or pdf format) must be received by **11:59:59 pm (ET) on August 16, 2015** and submitted electronically on the submission website. You will see an electronic confirmation acknowledging receipt of your response.

## ➢ eRA Commons Now Reflects the Revised Deadline for Final Reports Required for Grant Closeout

The Interim Grant General Conditions, released on February 5, 2015, announced that for projects ending on or after October 1, 2014, recipients must submit a Final Federal Financial Report, Final Progress Report, and Final Invention Statement and Certification within **120 calendar days** of the end of the period of performance. The revised due date is now reflected on eRA Commons.
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-111.html

## ➢ Payment Management System (PMS) in Synch with Financial Reporting Deadlines

Recipients may request payments from PMS up to **120 days** past the period of performance end date for NIH awards with a project end date on or after October 1, 2014. PMS will no longer require NIH approval of each payment request submitted between 90 and 120 days after the period of performance end date.
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-135.html

## ➢ Notice About Updates to iEdison Regarding Reporting Requirements and Compliance Messages

NOT-OD-15-119

The purpose of this notice is to inform recipients of NIH Extramural Research Funding Agreements about updates to the iEdison system regarding Bayh-Dole reporting requirements and compliance messages. Previously, users could change the status of a subject invention or patent to a Not Elect Title – waive status in iEdison with unresolved compliance issues. This change of status did not delete or remove previously required Bayh-Dole compliance steps or notices to NIH. The change of status designation simply indicates a recipient's request to the Government to waive title to the subject invention. Title waivers are not effectuated while compliance issues remain outstanding. It is important to note that this is NOT a policy change.

This ability to change a status in iEdison while compliance issues remain unresolved caused confusion among our funding recipients about the status of the subject invention. This update to iEdison is intended to alleviate this confusion and to assist the user by ensuring that inventions and patents are not mistakenly understood to be waived prior to the resolution of outstanding notification messages.

**iEDISON Updates:**
- Users Cannot Waive Subject Inventions and Patents Unless Bayh-Dole Required Compliance Actions are Taken and the iEdison Notification Messages are Resolved
- Until all outstanding compliance issues and notification messages are resolved, iEdison will no longer permit a user to waive title to an invention or patent. The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of actions that need to be taken and Compliance Notification Messages that an iEdison user may encounter:
    - No written description of this invention (Disclosure) has been uploaded into iEdison;
    - A Government Support Clause is missing (or not accepted) for a non-provisional patent filing;
    - The submitted Confirmatory License is missing (or not accepted) for a non-provisional patent filing
- iEdison users cannot waive an invention until all patents linked to that invention have been previously waived and all reporting requirements are satisfied.
- iEdison users will no longer be permitted to waive an invention if any related patent(s) has not previously been waived by the user and all reporting requirements satisfied.

| **NSF UPDATE** |
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> ## NSF Request for Public Comment on an Updated Standardized Research Performance Progress Report Format

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently published in the Federal Register an invitation for federal agencies and the public to weigh in on a draft of an "updated, standardized Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) format to be used for both *interim* and *final* Performance Progress Reporting."

<u>**Outline of Draft Format:**</u>

| Report Components and Reporting Categories | Summary of Significant Changes |
|---|---|
| *Mandatory Category:*<br>• Accomplishments: What was done? What was learned?<br><br>*Optional Category:*<br>• Products: What has the project produced?<br>• Participants & Other Collaborating Organizations: Who has been involved?<br>• Impact: What was the impact of the project? How has it contributed?<br>• Changes/Problems<br>• Special Reporting Requirements (where applicable)<br>• Budgetary Information<br>• Project Outcomes: What were the outcomes of the award? (NEW)<br>• Appendix: Demographic Information for Significant Contributors | • One report format for both interim and final reports<br>• Existing mandatory/optional categories retained<br>• One optional category added: Project Outcomes<br>• Language changes:<br>  o Language clarified throughout the document<br>  o Verbs made past tense where necessary<br>  o More inclusive of research-related activities<br>• New information, questions, instructions added:<br>  o Products Section: New examples of 'other products';<br>  o Participants Section: question on changes in active other support; and<br>  o Impact Section: question on the impact on teaching and educational experiences<br>• Updated RPPR Data Dictionary to include Final RPPR requirements |

- The draft version of the RPPR format is now available for your review at:
  http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rppr/frpprformat_fedreg.pdf

- The full Federal Register Notice can be found at:
  http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-23/pdf/2015-18007.pdf

| Comments must be received by COB September 21, 2015 and should be addressed to:<br>Suzanne H. Plimpton<br>Reports Clearance Officer<br>Office of the General Counsel, NSF<br>4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230<br>Email: splimpton@nsf.gov | For information on the RPPR, contact:<br>Jean Feldman<br>Head, Policy Office<br>Division of Institution & Award Support, NSF<br>4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22230<br>Email: jfeldman@nsf.gov |
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> ## New Automated Proposal Submission Compliance Checks in FastLane

Beginning July 24, 2015, proposals submitted in response to Program Solicitations in FastLane will undergo a new series of automated proposal compliance validation checks to ensure they comply with requirements outlined in the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG). This set of automated compliance checks in FastLane will trigger warning messages if the following proposal sections do not exist for proposals submitted in response to a Program Solicitation for the applicable funding mechanism type (Conference, Equipment, Ideas lab, Facility/Center, and Fellowship):

- References Cited
- Biographical Sketch(es)
- Budget Justification: Primary Organization
- Budget Justification: Sub recipient Organization
- Current and Pending Support

- Facilities, Equipment and Other Resources

To view a detailed list of all compliance checks, click here.

Warning messages will not prevent a proposal from being submitted. However, proposals that receive error messages will not be able to be submitted.

NOTE:  For Proposals being submitted from Coeus to Fastlane, the Coeus validations have been updated to perform the new NSF compliance checks for program solicitations.  To see a full list of the NSF compliance checks and corresponding Coeus validations, see Coeus NSF / Grants.gov Submission Validations.

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**DOD UPDATE**

➤ **Funding Opportunities for the DOD Breast Cancer Research Program (BCRP)**

The Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP) releases new Breakthrough Award opportunities.  The intent of the Breakthrough Award is to support promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer.

- **Breakthrough Award Level 3** (Newly Released) – *Pre-application due September 18,2015*
  - Program Announcement

- **Breakthrough Award Levels 1 and 2** (Coming in Late August)

Detailed descriptions of the funding opportunity, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements can be found in the Program Announcements or on the BCRP Funding Opportunities page.

Subsequent notifications will be sent when additional funding opportunities are released. A listing of all open CDMRP funding opportunities can be obtained on the Grants.gov website by performing a basic search using CFDA Number 12.420.

Submission is a two-step process requiring both (1) pre-application submission through the electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal (eBRAP) (https://eBRAP.org/) and (2) application submission through Grants.gov (http://www.grants.gov/). Refer to the General Application Instructions, Section II.A. for registration and submission requirements for eBRAP and Grants.gov.

## COEUS UPDATES & REMINDERS

➢ **New Instructional Documents on the Coeus Proposal Development Webpage**

The following new documents have been posted on the Coeus Proposal Development Webpage:

- [Coeus Science Code Listing for Proposal Development:](#) The Science Code Tab/Section is used to assign keywords to sponsored projects. This document identifies the codes and their descriptions.
- [Coeus NSF Code Values:](#) The NSF Code is required on all proposals and is used in annual reporting to the Federal Government. This document lists all the NSF Code Values available in Coeus and their corresponding Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP).
- [K99/R00 Coeus Budget Instructions:](#) NIH has specific instructions on how they want the R&R Budget Form populated for K99/R00 proposals. This document outlines Coeus budget steps required to make sure that the system populates the form according to those specific instructions.
- [Known Coeus Budgets & Issues:](#) This document outlines current bugs in the Coeus Proposal Development module.

➢ **Coeus User Group**

The Coeus User Group meetings are intended to allow Coeus users to network, share best practice, learn new business process changes, and address Coeus issues.

The PowerPoint Slides from the [July 30, 2015](#) meeting are now available for viewing on the [Coeus User Group](#) website.

## POST-AWARD / WORKDAY UPDATE

➢ **Change to the Timing of Facilities and Administrative Costs/Indirect Expense Recognition**

Previously indirect expenses were recognized upon settlement of transactions. At times, this resulted in direct costs recognized in one accounting period while related indirect costs were recognized in a later accounting period.

Workday recently released enhanced functionality that allowed us to configure the timing of when indirect costs are recognized. **This new functionality was implemented July 17th**. As a result, indirect costs are now recognized at the same time the direct cost is recognized; i.e., at business process completion for all non-payroll transactions and at run pay completion for payroll transactions.

In summary:

- Transactions created before July 17, 2015 will recognize indirect costs upon settlement; i.e., the old recognition rule will apply.
- Transactions created on or after July 17, 2015 will recognize indirect costs upon business process completion for non-payroll transactions and at run pay completion for payroll transactions.

The following examples illustrate the impact of this change:
*Transaction - Supplier Invoice $1,000; F&A Rate 62.5%*

Created June 24, 2015, Approved June 24, 2015, Settled August 20, 2015
- Old rule applies since transaction create date is prior to July 17, 2015
- $1,000 Direct Cost recognized in June – transaction accounting date of June 24, 2015
- $625 Indirect Cost recognized in August – transaction accounting date of August 20, 2015

Created July 18, 2015, Approved July 18, 2015, Settled August 25, 2015
- New rule applies since transaction create date is after July 17, 2015
- $1,000 Direct Cost recognized in July – transaction accounting date of July 18, 2105
- $625 Indirect Cost recognized in July – transaction accounting date of July 18, 2015

**If you have any questions about indirect cost recognition on any transactions please contact your Grant/Contract Accountant.**

## ➤ Workday Effort Reporting Guidelines

To assist Effort Certification Partners/Cost Center Managers in their review of effort reports in Workday, new guidelines have been developed for *effort reporting* and *summer salary effort reporting*.

- Workday Effort Reporting Guidelines
- Workday Summer Salary Effort Reporting Guidelines

Please contact the Effort Certification Manager, Maria Mento, at 863-2275 if you have any questions.

## ➤ Air Travel on Sponsored Fund: Can I Fly Business Class Using Sponsored Funding?

**In certain cases use of business class service is allowable. As noted in the University's Travel Policy, business class airfare is permissible only when:**
  o The destination is four or more time zones away, or more than eight hours direct flight time, and
  o The funding department has adequate budget resources; and (3) it is clear that this form of travel is for a valid University purpose and would be the best use of the funds available.

**Air Travel Charged to Sponsored Projects**

Business class air travel on **non-federally funded trips** requires compliance with the University's Travel Policy as noted above, unless the sponsored award specifically prohibits use of business class.

Travelers on **federally funded trips** must travel on U.S. carriers at coach rates. Airfare costs in excess of the lowest available commercial discount airfare or customary standard (coach or equivalent) airfare on a U.S. carrier are not allowed except when the lower cost transportation would:

- Require circuitous routing
- Require travel during unreasonable hours
- Excessively prolong travel or greatly increase the duration of the flight
- Result in increased costs that would offset transportation savings
- Be inadequate for the medical needs of the traveler.

If business class airfare is appropriate based on the University's policy, then the cost in excess of the coach fare must be charged to a funding source other than sponsored funding (FD 500).

Justification for any exception to the federal requirement must be documented in the travel expense reimbursement report.

If you have any questions, please contact your Grant/Contract Accountant.

# IRB UPDATE

## ➤ IRB Authorization Agreements: Minimizing Duplicate Review

Did you know that the Human Research Protections Program (HRPP) at Brown encourages and supports the use of IRB Authorization Agreements (IAAs) to avoid duplicate IRB review in multi-site collaborations, both within the U.S. and abroad?

### *When and why Should You Consider Using an IAA?*

If you are collaborating with another FWA-covered institution on human subjects research, you may rely on one IRB (referred to as the "IRB of Record") for review and oversight of the research to avoid duplicate review.  This relationship is formally established through the Brown HRPP via an IAA.  Common examples of when an IAA may be used include:

- ➤ The Brown investigator has a subaward on a grant and will only be involved in some of the human research activities on the project;
- ➤ Brown is the prime recipient of an award, but all the human research activities are taking place at a collaborator's institution;
- ➤ The Brown investigator wishes to recruit participants from a clinic at one of our affiliated hospitals;
- ➤ A Brown medical student will be doing research at one of Brown's affiliated hospitals;
- ➤ New faculty arrive at Brown with existing projects that will continue at the previous site, but our IRB needs to cover effort of the PI going forward; and conversely, if a PI leaves Brown and will continue to be involved in a human research project that will remain at Brown, an IAA can cover their work at the new institution.

### *Great!  How do I take advantage of this?*

We welcome Investigator requests for an IAA when collaborating with another FWA covered institution.  The HRPP staff will also reach out to investigators proactively when we note that the collaboration would be suitable for an IAA. We cannot promise that the other institution will agree to an IAA (they are under no obligation to do so).

### *What Do You Need to Know about Using an IAA?*

- If the research is exempt, an IAA is unnecessary.
- Brown's current IAAs are protocol-specific, so even if we have an existing IAA with an institution with which you are going to collaborate, we would need to implement one for your particular protocol.

*Examples of institutions with which Brown has project-specific IAAs:*

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|---|---|---|
| Lifespan Hospitals | Harvard University | University of Colorado at Boulder |
| Care New England Hospitals | Indiana University | University of Connecticut |
| University of Rhode Island | Michigan State University | University of Rochester |
| Providence VA Medical Center | Partners/MGH | Wellesley College |
| Anhui Medical University, China | Penn State | Yale University |
| Arizona State University | Tufts University | |
| George Washington University | University of Cape Town, South Africa | |

## CONFERENCES & NCURA PROGRAMS

| NCURA Research Administration Discussion Group:  Best Practices in Research Administration | NCURA Workshop:  Challenges in Sponsored Research Administration | NSF Grants Conference |
|---|---|---|
| September 16, 2015 – Worcester Polytechnic Institute | October 5, 2015 – Brookline, MA | November 2-3, 2015 – Arlington, VA |
| For more information and registration: http://ncuraregioni.org/radg-meetings.html | For more information and registration: http://ncuraregioni.org/current-challenges.html | For more information and to be notified when registration opens, visit: https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/outreach.jsp |

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