News Flash – Breaking News from the Office of Clinical Awards Administration

Three things you need to know right now

1. NIH Increases Stipend Levels

In notice NOT-OD-18-175 dated May 9, 2018 NIH announced that it is establishing new stipend levels for fiscal year 2018 on Kirschstein – NRSA awards. These levels are important beyond the NRSA awards as they are the standards many funders as well as institutions use to set salaries for graduate students and Post docs. With this notice the Pre-Doctoral (graduate student) yearly stipend is set at $24,324 per year. As always Post-Doctoral salaries are based on years since they received their terminal degree starting at $48,432 for CL0 to $59,736 for CL7+ years. Please note that the minimum Post-Doctoral salary at Stony Brook is currently set at $47,476, if that is increased to the NIH minimum a breaking news alert will go out. It should also be noted that starting in Stony Brook's FY20, July 2019, there will be a new fringe rate for Post-Doctoral employees starting at 25%.

This notification also listed the new Institutional allowance levels, please contact The Office of Clinical Award Administration for details if you are planning to submit a Fellowship or Training proposal.

2. New Human Subject System (HSS) Launched June 9 in Era Commons

As part of NIH's effort to comply with 21st Century Cures requirements to enhance accountability and transparency in their funded clinical research, they developed a new Human Subject System (HSS), which consolidates human subjects and clinical trial information in one place. With this change as of June 9, 2018, post-submission updates to human subject and clinical trial-related information, including human subjects protections, participant and enrollment information, and Clinicaltrials.gov registration and reporting information, must be made in HSS via eRA Commons status page.

Note the HSS will replace the Inclusion Management System (IMS) that was used for reporting participant sex/gender, race and ethnicity information prior to this change.

Note: delegation authority is expected in the future.

Key changes to keep in mind:

- When completing your RPPR progress report you will prompted to access HSS to update inclusion enrollment reports. HSS can be accessed through the Human Subject link in the RPPR or the eRA Commons status page.
- Section 6: Clinical Trial Milestone not currently required unless otherwise noted in the funding opportunity or terms and conditions of the award.
- The HHS System includes a new interface and workflow. When submitting studies to NIH, the Signing Official, SO will submit all study records associated with an application at one time rather than separately
- Participant level data may be submitted in a CSV file to populate the Inclusion Enrollment Report
- Investigators and SOs may make study updates or corrections by accessing HSS through the Human Subject link in eRA Commons Status page. Note some changes including those involving increased risk to human participants, may require prior approval by NIH.

3. myRESEARCH for Grants is live!

The Office of the Vice President for Research launched their new Electronic Research Administration (ERA) product myRESEARCH in the middle of May for all proposals due on or after July 1, 2018. Training classes are ongoing and being offered in the HSC, check the [OSP website for dates and space availability.](#)

Early feedback has been very positive with ease of use being cited as a big upgrade from COEUS. Things that early users have noticed:

- You need to know all state employee project members IFR account numbers. It is best to ask them for this number as many departments have sub accounts for certain members of their staff.
- There are three separate sections that make up your overall proposal, Funding Proposal, Budget and Credit Distribution all need to be completed before you route.
- Budgets are easier to handle because rates are preloaded and drop in for you, but you need to know everyone's salary and appointment type.
- You now only need to upload three additional documents, abstract, budget justification and facilities, as the former COEUS Proposal From and SOM Offset Agreement are now part of the general forms.

If you have any questions about myRESEARCH or would like one on one training contact CAA at 8-4490.

Things to keep in mind:

- The Office of Clinical Award Administration has a new web site: http://www.osa.sunysb.edu/caa. Past Newsletters and News Flashes, as well as other useful information, are currently available.
- Now you can provide feedback and request information or assistance through CAA's new email address Office_of_Clinical_Award_Administration@stonybrookmedicine.edu or SOMCAA@stonybrookmedicine.edu.
- NIH Cycle III deadlines, October – December 2018, are closer than you think. Please let us know if you are thinking of submitting a proposal for these upcoming deadlines. To assist you in this process, a Timeline for Proposal Submission has been posted on our web site.