

Research Administration Brown Bag Series

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**Northeastern
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Agenda

- Welcome Back - NU-RES personnel updates
- COVID-19 updates
- Agency Updates
- NU-RES Admin updates
- ePAWs/eCLAWs updates
- NU-RES Finance updates
- Upcoming events
- Research Development

Welcome Back - Team updates

- Welcome to NU-RES Research Administration
 - Robin Cyr, Vice Provost Research Administration
 - Amelia McWhirk – Grant Officer
 - Dana Chyung – Grant Officer
- Welcome to NU-RES Research Finance
 - Peggy Mui, Associate Director, Cost Accounting
 - Lindsay Goldstein, Cash Management Accountant
 - Justin Magerman, Research Finance Analyst

COVID-19 updates

- Updates on COVID-19 are provided at both the [University level](#), and on the [Research home page](#)
 - NU-RES specific updates, including Agency updates, are on the Research page
 - Information specific to other areas e.g. Human Subjects Research Protection, Research Development, and External Resources are also here

NSF Updates

- Effective October 5, 2020, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will begin enforcing the [*Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide*](#) (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1) requirement to use NSF-approved formats for the preparation of the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support proposal documents
 - The NSF-approved formats are [SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) and an [NSF fillable PDF](#)
- Beginning on October 5, 2020, links to the [Biographical Sketch](#) and [Current and Pending Support](#) websites will also be located in FastLane (on the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support Personnel pages), in Research.gov (on the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support Upload pages), and in Grants.gov (on the NSF Senior Key Person Profile form version 2.0).

NIH Updates

- New “All About Grants” podcast – Am I doing Human Subjects’ Research? – *from August 28, 2020*
 - <https://grants.nih.gov/news/virtual-learning/podcasts.htm>
- NIH is bringing the [Fall 2020 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration](#) direct to your computer...free of charge, Tuesday, October 27 – Friday, October 30
- NIH Policy on Use of Hypertext in NIH Grant Applications...[NOT-OD-20-174](#)
 - "restricts use of hypertext ...only allowed when specifically noted in funding opportunity announcement (FOA) and form field instructions..."



NU-RES Admin Updates

- Coming soon: IBS calculated tool and updated budget form

ePAWs/eCLAWs updates

ePAWs

- When editing a record, only edit in one window
 - Multiple windows open editing the same record creates errors in saving data to the database

eCLAWs

- Definitions of eCLAWs Research & Innovation contract types have been posted to the [eCLAWs Training Website](#)
- College Admin access to eCLAWs records....

Fringe Rate Update

SECTION I: FRINGE BENEFIT RATES**

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>RATE (%)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>APPLICABLE TO</u>
FIXED	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	26.00	All	Fully Benefited Emp.
FIXED	7/1/2020	6/30/2021	7.65	All	Temp/Part-Time Emp.

- Increase from 25% to 26%
- Change reflected in Banner as of 9/17 and after
- No adjustments will be performed for the variance
- Retro salary adjustments will be calculated at the new rate even if for a prior pay period
- Campus rates remain the same at 31.9%

Annual Effort Certification

- Certification documents have a new look! Stay tuned...
- Early October, certifications will be sent to colleges
- 10/8 Training and education
- Virtual office hours
- Return to Research Finance first week of November

Expiring M-20-26 Flexibilities

- Expiring flexibilities of OMB M-20-26 relating to salaries and other expenses on Sept 30:

"Awarding agencies may allow recipients to continue to charge salaries and benefits to active Federal awards consistent with the recipients' policy of paying salaries (under unexpected or extraordinary circumstances) from all funding sources, Federal and non-Federal. "

Upcoming events

- NU-RES Fall events can be found on the [NU-RES Events Calendar](#)
 - Next up: 9/25 (Friday) from 3:30 – 4:00
Research Administrators Appreciation Day

Research Development

- Who we are:
 - Kim Holloway Ph.D., Vice Provost for Research Development
 - Karen Drew, Director of Research Development
 - Zac Perry Ph.D., Research Development Officer
 - Jenna Horan, Research Development Associate
- Mariah Nobrega, Director of Research Development in Engineering

Research Development Faculty Support



1. Find funding opportunities (internal and external)



2. Build topical teams



3. Navigate administrative structures within institution



4. Prepare proposals (editing and/or project management)



5. Connect to Funders



Central Research Development Support

1. Coordination with Regional Campuses, Colleges, Institutes
2. Internal seed grant programs (including joint programs with other institutions)
3. Convene faculty around major submission opportunities, both current and anticipated
4. Coordinate assistance for major proposals, sometimes in conjunction with TIER 2 consultants
5. Coordinating Limited Submissions
6. Curation and targeted dissemination of early career opportunities (many of which are non-federal and involve Corporation/Foundation Advancement)



Proposal Development Support

Research Development can provide support in coordination with college level resources:

1. Identification of funding opportunities
2. Organizing and convening around topical areas of interest and targeted opportunities
3. Connecting Faculty to other relevant internal and external resources

For Large, Complex, and Highly Visible Proposals:

1. Organize an internal kickoff meeting to discuss administrative support (Timeline, FOA Breakdown, etc)
2. Facilitate team organization and meetings
3. Advise on internal Tier program support
4. Provide additional support in coordination with broader university and college resources



Internal Grants

Research Development administers a variety of internal grant programs:

- TIER 1 Award Program (15-month awards, yearly submission cycle)
- TIER 2 Award Program (rolling basis)
- TIER 3 Award Program (rolling basis)
- NU/Dana Farber Cancer Institute Awards (12 month awards, yearly submission cycle)
- Roux/UMaine seed grant program

Submission and Award Management:

- Award submissions are submitted by faculty, directly to our office or our TIER 1 submission platform, and are not run through ePAWS, except for rare instances
- Award accounts are managed in the PI's home department, with the assistance of their department finance manager
- PIs are responsible for submitting required reporting



Research Development Team



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NU-RES and You!

Thank You!

See you Tuesday,
October 20, 2020

