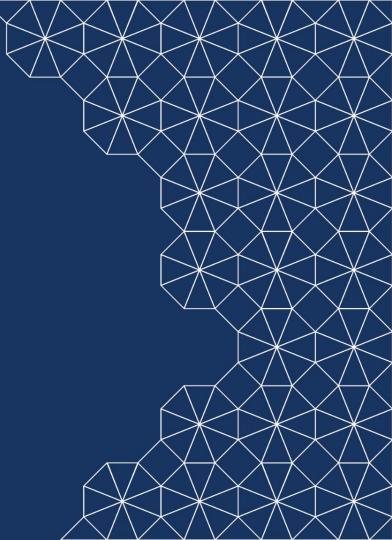
## **AGENCY UPDATES**

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## **DoD MFTRP Certification**

- DoD had imposed a requirement for Recipients to have in place an institutional requirement addressing Maligned Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs (MFTRPs) by 8/9/24.
- □ They backed away from the requirement, taking down their "decision matrix" while revisions are made.
- However, there are indications that DARPA and perhaps other DoD sponsors will still impose a certification for "covered individuals" related to MFTRPs. Solicitations \*should\* reference when such a requirement applies.
- DoD's implementation of the Common Forms (target of January '25) will address the certification.
- In the meantime, SPO will incorporate the following cert language in Phoebe: For proposals to federal research agencies, as required by the <u>CHIPS and Science Act of</u> <u>2022</u> and UC's <u>Contract and Grant Manual</u>, I certify that I and all UCB Covered Individuals are not part of a malign foreign talent recruitment program (MFTRP), <u>as defined by OSTP</u>, at the time of proposal submission.

## NSF Implementation of UG Changes

- As part of its implementation strategy, NSF has archived the Research Terms and Conditions (RTC), and the NSF Agency Specific Requirements. Unless otherwise specified, the Grant General Conditions (GC-1) apply to all recipients of NSF grant awards.
- □ The revisions are in line with upcoming changes to the OMB Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance (Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR 200), which go into effect on October 1, 2024.
- Although the RTCs will be archived under NSF awards, this will not impact existing expanded authorities such as 90-day pre-award spending. We are looking into whether existing data points on the Phoebe Award Summary (PAS) need to be addressed.



## **NIH Updates**

Per Notice Number <u>NOT-OD-24-165</u>, NIH's Automated Just-in-Time Email Notification for applications receiving an impact score of 30 or less will be retired on 10/1/24. Official notification of the need for JIT material(s) will continue to be sent directly by NIH staff from the awarding Institute/Center to those who are required to provide the material(s).

Upcoming webinar: *NIH Grants Policy Updates: FY2025 Edition* Register now for the event on 10/17/24, from 10-11am PST.
There will be updates on grant policies, systems, and resources, and how these changes could affect institutional compliance processes.
Feel free to direct any questions to me: npines@berkeley.edu.