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 CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 and UC's Contract and Grant Manual, I certify that I and all UCB Covered Individuals are not part of a malign foreign talent recruitment program (MFTRP), as defined by OSTP, 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 [NOT-OD-24-165](), 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.