

Federal Updates

RAC Forum – 9.30.20

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Reminder: Responsibility Areas

- **Noam Pines:**
 - Federal: DOD, DHHS (including NIH), NSF, NOAA, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Labor
- **Angela R. Ford:**
 - Federal: NASA, DOE (including DOE labs), All other Federal (Full list: <https://spo.berkeley.edu/about.html#associatedirectors>)
- Updates today on NIH, NSF, DOD

NIH: Anti-Sexual Harassment

- Revised policy:
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/harassment.htm>
- Extends beyond PI/Co-PI to Key Personnel
- Whistleblower component
- Allegations vs final determinations
- UCOP working group is analyzing; also comparing with NSF, NASA, and other foundations (e.g. Simons, AHA, RWJF)
- SPO coordination with OPHD; role of PI informed consent?

NIH: On a happier note...

- NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration: <https://grants.nih.gov/news/contact-in-person/seminars.htm>
- In person is now virtual :)
- Registration is FREE
- Register here: <https://nihvirtualseminar2020.vfairs.com/>
- October 27-30, 2020

NSF: New Biosketch and C&P Formats – Effective 10/5/20

- [SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) and an NSF fillable PDF (2 options)
- Applies to proposal submissions, change PI requests, RPPRs
- FAQs on C&P:
https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/papp/pappg20_1/faqs_cps20_1.pdf
(Note foreign influence backdrop, though not mentioned specifically; gifts vs in-kind; consulting)
- Resources: <https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp>
<https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/cps.jsp>
[NSF Biographical Sketch Video Tutorial](#)
[NSF Current and Pending Support Video Tutorial](#)

NSF: Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) Updates

- New questions:
 - Has there been a change in the active other support of the PI/PD(s) since the last reporting period? (***Edit Participants screen***)
 - What was the impact on teaching and educational experiences? (***Impact tab***)
 - What percentage of the award's budget was spent in a foreign country? (***Impact tab***)
 - Has there been a change in primary performance site location from that originally proposed? (***Changes/Problems tab***)
- Additional details about the RPPR can be found on the Research.gov [About Project Reports website](#)

NSF: Research.gov Implementation Update

- Important Notice (IN) 147, [Research.gov Implementation Update](#), posted September 22, 2020, to the NSF website
- Specific funding opportunities to require the use of Research.gov for the preparation and submission of proposals to NSF, e.g. Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO)
- NSF encourages the community to become familiar with Research.gov and to begin using it for the preparation and submission of proposals
- Check your solicitation!! (Fastlane still available in most instances but will be phased out)
- Training materials: [About Research.gov site](#) (NSF working on more)

Defense Authorization Act – Section 889

- Note that certain changes to Uniform Guidance go into effect on November 12, 2020. Details:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/08/13/2020-17468/guidance-for-grants-and-agreements>
- Two changes went into effect on August 13, 2020. One minor change related to termination of awards. Big change: 200.216 (“Huawei/ZTE ban”)
- Also reflected in FAR 52.204-24 and -25
- Prohibition extended to use (to be interpreted as access to campus network)
- IT/VCR/OLA in talks with UCOP – cell phone use under review
- Town Hall on Research and Cybersecurity on October 6, 2020

DARPA: new foreign restriction

- Mechanism to identify foreign participant involvement or foreign entity interest in the research in question; share such information with DARPA
- Share with DARPA any special procedures on Talent Management Plans, Security Plans, Organizational Conflicts of Interest, and/or Training Programs to “sufficiently protect” U.S. National Interests
- “Foreign participant involvement may be restricted or prohibited as agreed to between the parties” (No!!!)
- Pressure on DARPA from different groups to remove language; conflicts with Fundamental Research Exclusion (FRE)
- Options: Deletion of foreign participant approval with emphasis on de-scoping of project and/or termination; “DOE-style” language with emphasis on notification of Talent Programs and Foreign Components (defined); DARPA prefers Option #2

Questions?

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Kidding!

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