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“A Decent Proposal: Finding Success in the Competitive World of Grants”

DH Leonard Consulting & Grant Writing Services, LLC is offering a free download of the e-book titled “A Decent Proposal: Finding Success in the Competitive World of Grants” Book chapters are as follows:

Getting Noticed

Clay Myers-Bowman, Producer and Fundraising Consultant

The Importance of Being Organized and Strategic in Pursuing Federal Grant Opportunities

Spencer O. Perlman, President, Washington Strategic Consulting

Ethical Considerations in Grant Seeking and Writing

Diane H. Leonard, GPC, Owner, DH Leonard Consulting & Grant Writing Services, LLC

DATA Act to Transform Federal Grant Reporting

Adam Roth, President and CEO, StreamLink® Software

The book can be downloaded through the [blackbaud website](#). This is a commercial site, not affiliated with GSU or the federal government.

Guidance for determining applicability of the FCOI policy based upon project roles

Investigator/Research Personnel required to complete the Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) disclosure prior to submission of a sponsored project are the project director or principal investigator, Co-PI, Co-I, or equivalent, anyone named on a “Key Personnel” list and anyone else who the PI and Co-PIs determine have independent responsibility for the design, conduct or reporting of the research.

The following is a list of the most common project roles/titles and the associated FCOI reporting/disclosure responsibilities:

Always required to file disclosures (and meet PHS-specific disclosure and training requirements):

- Project Director or Principal Investigator, Project leader or anyone with similar overall responsibility for the design and execution of the project
- Co-Investigator, Co-Principal Investigator, Co-Project Director or anyone with similar responsibility
- Graduate or Postdoctoral Fellows paid on fellowships specifically supporting the Fellow's Project
- Mentor/PI/Sponsor for Postdoctoral if Graduate Fellow

- Anyone named on a “Senior or Key personnel” list if one is required by the sponsor in a proposal, award, or progress report.

Always required to fulfill sub-award recipient requirements:

- Sub-award recipient PI, Co-PI, Co-I, Senior or Key personnel, or other role noted/similar to above
- Consultant – If your consultant has independent responsibility for the design, conduct, or reporting of the research:
 1. If the consultant works through an incorporated business or entity, the entity must follow its own PHS compliant FCOI policy.
 2. If the consultant is not affiliated with an incorporated entity and does not have a PHS compliant FCOI policy, the consultant may complete the training and disclosure through the GSU FCOI system. *(Use Eagle Id 900123456 to register for training and disclosure. The consultants business email address may be used for the GSU email.)*

NOTE: Encourage subawardees and consultants to register their PHS compliant FCOI Policy on the FDP clearinghouse website. ([Registration](#), [Clearinghouse](#))

Not required to submit disclosures unless PI and Co-PIs determine that individual has independent responsibility for the design, conduct or reporting of the research:

- Graduate or Postdoctoral Fellow on a training grant
- Graduate Student (GRA, RA)
- Undergraduate Student
- Other significant Contributor (OSC)
- Unpaid collaborator
- GS collaborator
- GS research support staff (ex: technician, accountant, administrator)
- Consultant, vendor, or contractor (paid through procurement process unless the PI determines the consultant has independent responsibility for the design, conduct, or reporting of the research)

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