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The Staff and Student Workers of the Offices of Research Services and Sponsored Programs, Research Integrity, Research Accounting, and the Research and Services Foundation wish you a joyous holiday season. We look forward to working with you in 2015!

NEH Launches Common Good Initiative and Public Scholar Grants

The National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) announced a new initiative called, "The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square." The initiative seeks to connect scholarship in the humanities to contemporary life following a set of exemplary themes. The Common Good will be an area of focus available within existing NEH grant programs.

The initiative also includes NEH's new Public Scholar grants program, which supports "well-research books in humanities to reach a broad readership." The program seeks to engage a broad audience and deepen our understanding of the human condition, including current and contemporary problems. Guidelines for the program can be found here. The Public Scholar program supports fellowships for continuous full time work for a period of 6 to 12 months. Successful applicants receive a stipend of $4,200 per month with a maximum stipend is $50,400 for a 12 month period. Applications for the Public Scholar program are due **March 3, 2015.**

NSF Launches New Proposal & Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) Effective December 26, 2014

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that a revised version of the *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG), (NSF 15-1) has been issued. The PAPPG has been revised to implement 2 CFR § 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). The Uniform Guidance incorporates language from eight existing Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars into one consolidated set of guidance in the Code of Federal Regulations. The PAPPG also has been revised to incorporate other significant changes and clarifications unrelated to the Uniform Guidance implementation.

The PAPPG is comprised of documents relating to the Foundation's proposal and award process and consists of the:

(a) Grant Proposal Guide (GPG) for guidance on the preparation and submission of proposals to NSF; and

(b) Award & Administration Guide (AAG) to guide, manage, and monitor the award and administration of grants and cooperative agreements made by the Foundation.

As mandated by OMB, the new PAPPG will be effective December 26, 2014. In addition to the significant changes to implement the Uniform Guidance, other important revisions include:

- Acknowledgement of the implementation of NSF's new financial system (iTRAK);
- Addition of an NSF electronic capabilities modernization status matrix to assist the community as NSF transitions our electronic capabilities to Research.gov;
- Additional compliance checking regarding the type of proposal mechanism used;
- Expansion of the budget justification section to reflect that each subaward must include a separate budget justification of no more than three pages;
- New coverage on the Ideas Lab funding mechanism;
- Description of new prior approval requirements; and
- Numerous clarifications throughout the document.

Given the extensive nature of the changes made to implement the Uniform Guidance and other important revisions, the community is strongly encouraged to review the by-chapter summary of the changes provided in the Introduction section of the PAPPG. A webinar to brief the community on the new PAPPG will be held in early January; further communication will be forthcoming.

While this version of the PAPPG becomes effective on December 26, 2014, in the interim, the guidelines contained in the current PAPPG (NSF 14-1) continue to apply. We will ensure that the current version of the PAPPG remains on the NSF website, with a notation to proposers that specifies when the new PAPPG (including a link to the new Guide) will become effective.

Please direct any questions to the Policy Office in the Division of Institution & Award Support at policy@nsf.gov, or (703) 292-8243.

Regards,

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NIH Requires a New Biosketch Format beginning January 25, 2015

NIH and AHRQ will require the use of a new biosketch format in applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2015. Between now and then, applicants may choose to use the existing format or the new format.

For more information click here.

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-024.html

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