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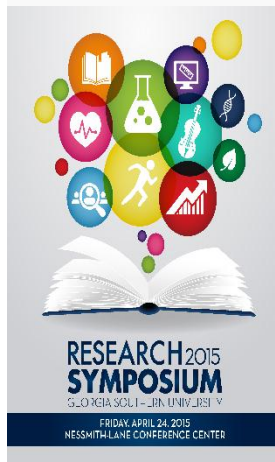


## Congratulations to Debra Alexander!

We would like to wish Debra Alexander success as she takes up her new position as the Business Manager in the Provost's Office. Debra has been a great asset as Assistant Director and Grant Coordinator at ORSSP.

Until we are able to hire a Grant Coordinator to replace Debra, Melissa Nease will accept proposals for CHHS and Herty faculty and Sue Ann Crabtree will accept proposals for COE and iSTEMe faculty.

## Research Symposium 2015 – April 24th at Nessmith Lane Conference Center



The Research Symposium is a conference style showcase of student and faculty research across multiple disciplines. This event includes speakers, poster and presentation sessions from all academic disciplines.

This marks the 14th year that Georgia Southern University has hosted the Annual Research Symposium. In past years, the Symposium has existed in different forms, mainly showcasing graduate research efforts as coordinated by the College of Graduate Studies. However, in keeping with our mission as a comprehensive university with a strong presence of undergraduate research and a reach that extends far beyond Statesboro, we are inviting students and faculty to participate, as well as participants both from within and external to the University. Events begin with opening remarks at 9:00 AM followed by a full schedule of breakout sessions and poster presentations.

For more information, visit the Symposium website at <http://research.georgiasouthern.edu/symposium/>

## NSF Guidance update – 4/7/2015

NSF has issued a new set of FAQ guidance to answer questions about implementation of the Uniform Guidance in proposal and award. These guides are applicable to all NSF grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after December 26, 2014 and awards that received supplemental funding on or after December 26, 2014. Awards with No Cost Extensions may also fall under the new guidance. Click [here](#) for the full text. Expanded Authorities



- NSF has waived the prior approval requirement for the following:
  - Incur pre-award costs up to 90 days before the start date of the initial budget period of a new or renewal award.
  - Initiate a one-time, grantee-approved no-cost extension.
- Grantees must seek NSF approval for the following:
  - Rebudgeting of funds for the direct charge the salaries or administrative & clerical staff not originally included in the approved budget.
  - Rebudgeting of participant support costs to support anything other than stipends or subsistence allowances, travel allowances, and registration fees paid to or on behalf of participants or trainees (but not employees) in connection with conferences, or training projects.
  - Rebudgeting to add a subaward that was not contemplated at the proposal stage.

#### Publication Costs

- NSF acknowledges that the publication of research results may not occur until after a grant terminates. Grantees may charge the grant before closeout for the costs of publication or sharing of research results, if the costs are not incurred during the period of performance of the award.

#### Program Income

- Registration fees collected under NSF-supported conferences are considered program income and must be reported on an annual basis.

#### Mandatory Cost Sharing

- Reporting Mandatory cost sharing must be documented on an annual and final basis, certified by an Authorized Organizational Representative and reported to the NSF Program Officer via use of NSF's electronic systems.



### **NIH Grants Policy Statement – revision 3/31/2015**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has published a revised NIH Grants Policy Statement (NIHGPS, rev. 3/31/2015). This revision is applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after December 26, 2014 and awards that received supplemental funding on or after December 26, 2014. This revision supersedes, in its entirety, the NIH Grants Policy Statement (10/2013) as a standard term and condition of award. It also supersedes the NIH Interim Grant General Conditions (published 2/5/2015). However, the October 2013 NIHGPS continues to be the standard term and condition for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods that began between October 1, 2013 and December 25, 2014. This revision incorporates new and modified requirements, clarifies certain policies, and implements changes in statutes, regulations, and policies that have been implemented through appropriate legal and/or policy processes

since the previous version of the NIHGPS dated 10/1/2013, including NIH implementation of 45 CFR Part 75, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for HHS Awards. The document is currently available in PDF format at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/nihgps.pdf>. It will also be available in HTML format at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/index.htm> at a later date. The links to the 10/1/12 and 10/1/13 NIHGPS and all previous versions will remain the same. A document summarizing the significant changes that are implemented with the March 31, 2015 NIHGPS is available at: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/Significant\\_Changes\\_NIHGPS.pdf](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/nihgps/Significant_Changes_NIHGPS.pdf).

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