NIH Update – Fall 2010

NIH Grants Policy Statement Revision – FY 2011
Effective October 1, 2010, revision supersedes the December 2003 version
- Incorporates policy changes since 12/03, public policy changes, clarification of existing policies
- Includes new chapters recommended by users (Career Awards, Multiple PD/PI), terminology changes as well as document enhancements.
- Improves organization of existing chapters


Proposals:
1. Restructured Applications and Instructions for proposals (PHS 398 and SF 424)
   • Implementation of goal: Align the structure and content of applications with review criteria, and shorten the length of applications
   • Three sections of application instructions revised:
     Research Plan
     Biographical Sketch
     Resources and Facilities
   • Shorter Page Limits
   *For more information: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-149.html

2. All applications intended for due dates of September 25, 2010, and beyond must be submitted in response to a Funding Opportunity Announcement.
   *For more information: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-134.html

3. Elimination of Error Correction Window
   • NIH has eliminated the error correction window from the application submission process beginning with due dates on or after January 25, 2011.
   • Will not affect the two-business-day application viewing window. Applicants will still be able to view and reject their application and submit a changed/corrected application prior to the submission deadline.
   • Applicants are encouraged to submit early – early submission is the best way to ensure eSubmission success.
   • Ensures consistent and fair deadlines for all applicants
   *For more information: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-10-123.html
**Progress Reports:**
- SNAP progress reports due on/after August 1, 2010, must be submitted through the eRA Commons eSNAP module and are due 45 days prior to the anniversary date.
- Non-SNAP annual progress reports are due two months prior to the anniversary date.
- SNAP progress reports may affect future funding to the organization.

- Final RPPR format posted in Spring 2010.
- Agencies must publish implementation plan in January 2011.
- An NIH workgroup is evaluating the differences in RPPR and PHS 2590 and recommending an implementation plan.
- NIH goals are to minimize impact on grantees.
- NIH will implement in an electronic environment.
- On the new RPPR there will be a section for agency-specific information, but OMB has to give clearance for any deviations from this form.


**Training, Fellowship and Career awards (T, F, K awards)**

**xTrain Enhancements and 2011 Mandate**
- xTrain will allow termination of Fellowship grants on October 25, 2010.
- Effective January 1, 2011, NIH will require use of xTrain for submission of appointment forms and termination notices for research training, fellowship, education and career development awards. **Paper forms will not be accepted.**