

Research Administrators' Network Meeting

AGENDA

May 20, 2016

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Michigan League Ballroom

Webcast - <http://univofmichigan.adobeconnect.com/raac/>

Welcome & Introductions [2:00-2:10]

Pat Turnbull, Outgoing RAAC Communications Subcommittee Chair

Becky O'Brien, Incoming RAAC Communications Subcommittee Chair

Cathy Seay-Ostromski, BME Department Administrator, Guest Emcee

Updates [2:10-2:40]

Office of Research & Sponsored Projects, *Daryl Weinert*, Associate Vice President for Research, Business Operations, UMOR [2:10-2:20]

Sponsored Programs, *Debbie Talley*, Director, Sponsored Programs [2:20-2:30]

ITS, *Cathy Handyside*, Product Manager, ITS [2:30-2:40]

Professional Development Spotlight [2:40-2:50]

Jill Jividen, Senior Manager, Office of Research, Medical School

Mini Research Development Conference hosted by U-M Research Development Group,

3rd Cohort - Research Administration Mentoring Program (RAMP↑)

September 2016 - June 2017

Conquering Common Mistakes and Expediting RPPRs [2:50-3:00]

Terri Maxwell, Senior Project Representative, ORSP

Special Event / Featured Presentation [3:00-3:25]

Jack Hu, Vice President for Research

Closing remarks [3:25-3:30]

2016 U-M Office of Research Staff Recognition Awards

Ceremony & Reception immediately following 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Michigan League, 2nd Floor, Vandenberg Room

Congratulations to Amanda Coulter, Kerri-Anne Cross, Ben Secunda, and Pat Turnbull!

RAN schedule for the rest of this Academic Year:

<http://orsp.umich.edu/ran>

Ideas for a future meeting? Contact ran-plans@umich.edu

Brought to you by the Research Administration Advisory Council (RAAC) Communications Subcommittee.



LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR FACULTY SUCCESS

Research Development at U-M

This half-day conference is for anyone in research administration and leadership interested in learning more about Research Development—what it is and examples of it happening on campus, from mentorship programs to proposal development.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

8:00AM-12:00PM

Forum Hall, Palmer Commons

RSVP for this FREE event!

research.med.umich.edu/events



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Medical School Office of Research
MICHR
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Research Administrators' Network

Welcome!

May 20, 2016



Makeup of the Research Administration Advisory Council (RAAC)

Volunteer membership of RAAC is 102 strong!

RAAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Establish the
framework and set the
tone for the overall
RAAC

RAAC FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Provide a faculty voice
on issues affecting
research
administration and
support efforts to
reduce faculty burden

RAAC COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Foster
communications to
and among the
research
administration
community

RAAC METRICS SUBCOMMITTEE

Identify and track
metrics that inform
strategic and tactical
decisions about
research
administration

RAAC PROCESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Identify and promote
changes to research
administration
processes and serve as
a resource to central
offices

RAAC TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

Assess current training
programs, identify
gaps, and suggest
training to be
developed in research
administration

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (COMMITTEE- AT-LARGE)

Two members from each
School / College / Institute / Central
Offices that work with
research administration

Sponsored by the
Vice President for Research and the
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ORSP Update

Research Administrators' Network

Daryl Weinert, Assoc. Vice President for Research - Business Operations
May 20, 2016



Personnel Update



New Assistant Director:

Yvonne Sturt



New Administrative Assistants:

Ashley Tillotson



Lesley Hart



New Position Postings:

RAAC Project Manager

ORSP/Sponsored Programs Training Manager

ORSP Budget and Reporting Manager

Grants and Contracts News



Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) Overtime Rules

Changes coming December 1, 2016

IT Security Requirements

Curt Smitka single point-of-contact

Federal-wide Research Terms and Conditions

Still pending



Sponsored Programs Update

Research Administrators' Network

Debbie Talley, Director of Sponsored Programs
May 20, 2016



COGR encouraging Procurement Changes for UG

Council on Government Relations (COGR) is working with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to encourage a change to the Uniform Guidance (UG) regarding Procurement

Potential increase of the micro-purchase threshold from \$3,500 to \$10,000

Possible extension of the implementation date to 7/1/18

Personnel Update



New Positions

Five new reporting accountants started May 2nd

Staff Moves

Kathy Austin

OCA Senior Contract Administrator has accepted a position in EECS beginning June 1st

Susan Clair

OCA Accountant retired April 30th

Transition to NIH Subaccounts - Update



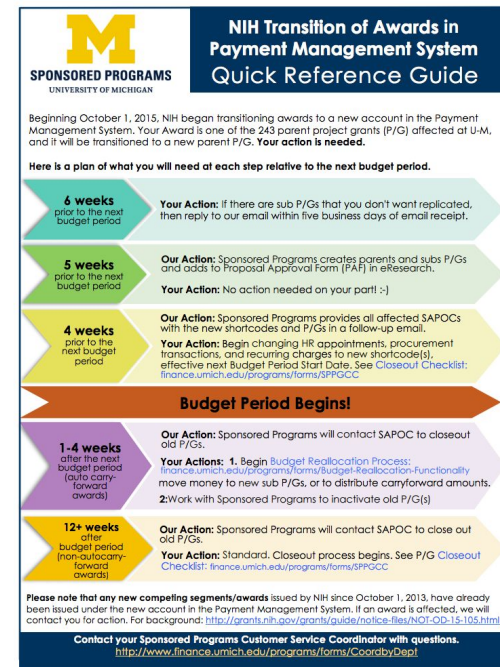
By the numbers...

140 awards transitioned

407 total project grants (parent and subs)

101 FFRs* prepared and submitted

*Federal Financial Reports



NSF audit

Submitted responses to last round of questions



Waiting...



Navigate: Fundamentals Course



Course to be offered this Fall 2016

Participant application with Supervisor approval

Look for more information coming soon



ITS Update

Research Administrators' Network

Cathy Handyside, Product Manager - eRPM & M-Inform
May 20, 2016



Topics



- SF424 (Grants.gov) Updates in eRPM
- Update on System Performance
- Preparing for the June/July Submission Deadlines

NIH FORMS-D

- NIH Transition starting with proposal deadlines on 5/25/16 and beyond
- NIH will post new announcements (FOAs) at least 60 days in advance
 - Check Grants.gov for the most current announcement

SF424 (Grants.gov) Updates in eRPM



- **Phase 1 - April 4, 2016 - Complete**
 - New/Updated NIH FORMS-D available for download.
- **Phase 2 - May 2, 2016 - Completed**
 - FORMS-D NIH Validations added to eRPM.
 - Incomplete NIH validations on two forms:
 - PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement
 - PHS 398 Research Training Program Plan
 - ITS working with vendor to update missing validations
 - *Check eRPM "What's New" for latest validation Information*
 - Added PHS Fellowship Supplemental Form V3.0
 - NIH announced new version (V3.1) planned for near future.

Update on System Performance



- **Grants.gov SF424 Corrupted Document Issue**
 - No new occurrence since March
- **System Slowness**
 - No new occurrence since March
 - On-going investigation
 - Performance enhancement to PAF Summary implemented in April

Preparing for the June/July Submission Deadlines



- **NIH Deadlines - June/July**
 - Anticipate 40-50 submissions per day
- **What ITS has done to prepare**
 - Implemented system correction for corrupted document issue
 - If the system cannot complete a transaction within two minutes, you will receive an error message.
 - PAF Summary Tuning
 - No change to what you see
 - Change to the way the info is pulled
 - Helps address the underlying memory management issue

Preparing for the June/July Submission Deadlines



- **RA Tips for Success**

- Flatten PDF Files
 - ***Common examples: Documents with inserted images***
 - Flattening reduces chances of corrupted documents
 - Improves processing for eRPM and sponsor systems, such as Grants.Gov
 - ITS created new job aid for how to flatten a PDF
 - Very easy, only seconds to complete
- Avoid opening a new window/tab to retry an activity

Preparing for the June/July Submission Deadlines



- **RA Tips for Success - Grants.gov**
 - Run the “Copy PAF Info to Grants-gov Forms” activity
 - Required to populate standard U-M and PAF info in the Grants.gov SF424 forms
 - Avoid running “Hide/Show Errors” on blank SF424 forms
 - Complete your PAF before Grants.gov forms
 - Complete Grants.gov forms as early as possible

Preparing for the June/July Submission Deadlines



- **During the deadline period:**
 - ITS will be monitoring system performance closely
 - If slowness is detected:
 - ITS will post system alert indicating plan for system maintenance activity
 - Maintenance usually takes 10-15 minutes to complete
 - If you experience slowness (transactions taking longer than 30 seconds):
 - Wait 5-10 minutes to see if transaction time improves
 - If not, contact the ITS Service Center

Research Development: Laying the Groundwork for Faculty Success

Jill Jividen, PhD
Senior Manager,
Research Development Support

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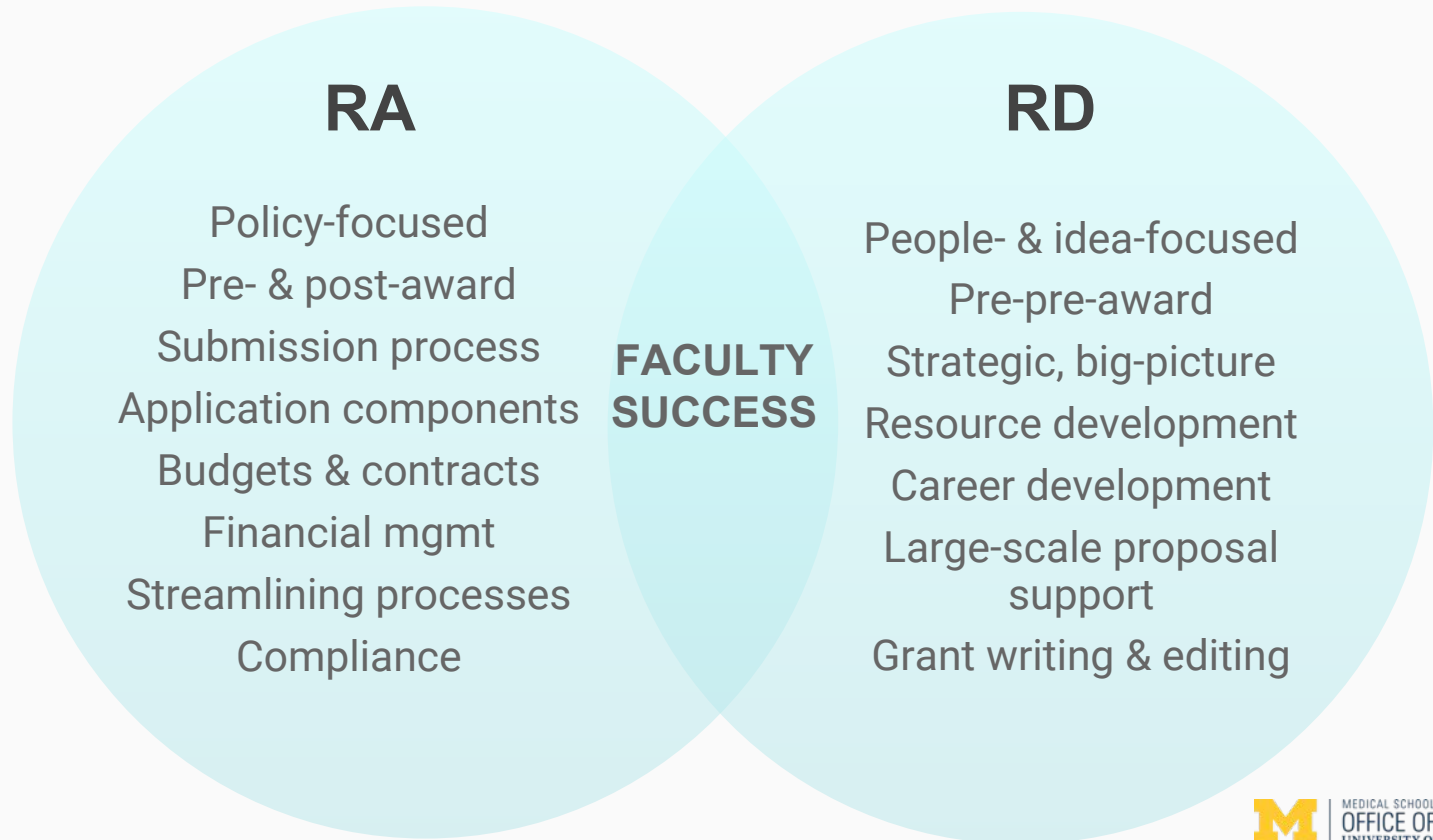


What is Research Development?

Strategic. Proactive. Catalytic. Capacity-building.

- Designing & improving resources to help faculty be successful in their research funding (& careers)
 - e.g., workshops, programs, websites, events, guides
- Understanding faculty research plans, needs & goals, with ability to articulate ideas to third parties and find new funding opportunities
- Developing ideas & initiatives
- Fostering relationships w/ sponsors; helping faculty contact sponsors and program officers
- Large-scale proposal coordination & management
- Grant writing/review, technical writing, editing assistance
- Facilitate collaborations, networking opportunities

Research Administration & Research Development



Research Development at UM



- Bi-monthly group meetings
- 10+ schools/units represented
- Discussions of strategic initiatives, interdisciplinary collaboration, resource sharing, successful practices, brainstorming solutions

Research Development at UM: Laying The Groundwork for Faculty Success



Tuesday, June 14, 2016

8 am - noon

Palmer Commons Forum Hall

research.med.umich.edu/events

FREE half-day conference

8-8:30 am Registration, breakfast, networking

8:30 am What is Research Development?

9:00 am Models for Mentoring

9:45 am Faculty Perspective/Impact

10:15 am Proposal Review Strategies

10:55 am Multidisciplinary Collaboration

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Questions? Contact:

Jill Jividen at jjgoff@umich.edu
or umresearchdev@umich.edu

Workshop co-sponsored by:

UMMS Office of Research, MICHR, College of Engineering, Foundation Relations, UMSI

With co-hosts:

LSA, ISR, IHPI, MCIRCC, UM Library

Research Administration Mentoring Program



raac.mentorprogram@umich.edu

Upcoming Milestones for the 3rd Cohort

June/July 2016	Begin Communications About RAMP
June/July 2016	Applications made Available
August 2016	Advisory Committee Meets to Match New Mentees & Mentors
September 2016	Orientation Meeting Held
October 2016	Mentee/Mentor Meetings Begin

NIH/AHRQ Research Performance Progress Reporting (RPPR) Conquering Common Mistakes

Terri Maxwell, Senior Project Representative

May 20, 2016
Research Administrators' Network





Who Should Submit A RPPR?

Only the Principal Investigator (or their delegate) can initiate the RPPR. For Multiple Principal Investigator projects, the Contact Principal Investigator (or their delegate) can initiate the RPPR.

Institutional Signing Officials (ORSP Project Representatives) must submit the RPPR.

<https://era.nih.gov/erahelp/commons/default.htm#cs hid=1032>

<http://or sp.umich.edu/or sp-staff>



When Should I Submit A RPPR?

A RPPR is required annually and is due to the sponsor 45 - 60 days prior to the budget start date.

ORSP requests the RPPR be routed through eRA Commons, along with the associated forms in eResearch, one week prior to the sponsor deadline.

<https://public.era.nih.gov/chl/public/search/progressReportByIpf.era>

How Do I Submit In eResearch



Log in to eResearch, identify the appropriate PAF, and run the Project Team Request RPPR Review Activity.



Include a completed PHS Key Personnel Annual Reporting: Financial Conflict of Interest Form.

If applicable, also include a Multiple Principal Investigator Statement. Note: The Multiple Principal Investigator Statement is not required for the Contact Principal Investigator.

www.umich.edu/~eresinfo/erpm/docs/PM_PT_RPPRReview_SS.pdf

How Do I Submit In eRA Commons?



Go to the eRA Commons website and complete your RPPR, then:

1. Run a “Check for Errors” before routing to ORSP
 - ORSP cannot submit your RPPR unless all errors are resolved
2. Route your RPPR to the ORSP Project Representative assigned to your PAF after these forms have been uploaded in eResearch: 1) PHS Key Personnel Annual Reporting: Financial Conflict of Interest Form and 2) The Multiple Principal Investigator Statement (if applicable)
 - Only the Principal Investigator can route the RPPR in eRA Commons

The screenshot shows the 'Application Information' section of the eRA Commons interface. It contains the following details:

Grant Number:	5K23HD123456-03
Institution:	PRESIDENTIAL UNIVERSITY
PD/PI Name:	Jefferson, Thomas
Project Title:	A New Model for the Delivery of Well-Child Care Low-Income Children
Due Date:	05/15/2012
Current Reviewer:	
Status:	Not Started

Below the form, there is a row of buttons: [Edit] [Check for Errors] [View] [View Routing History] [Route] [Recall] [Submit] [Cancel]. A red circle highlights the 'Check for Errors' and 'Route' buttons. A red box with the number '1' is placed over the 'Check for Errors' button, and a red box with the number '2' is placed over the 'Route' button.

<https://commons.era.nih.gov/>

What Are The Components Of A RPPR?





- Cover Page
- Accomplishments
- Products
- Participants
- Impact
- Changes
- Budgetary Information

Common Mistake: Cover Page



On the cover page, designate your ORSP Project Representative as the Signing Official and the Administrative Official.

A.2 Signing Official Information	
Name:	<input type="text" value="LARKIN, TRACEY"/> 
E-mail:	<input type="text" value="larkint@umich.edu"/>
Phone:	<input type="text" value="734-764-7237"/>

A.3 Administrative Official Information	
Name:	<input type="text" value="LARKIN, TRACEY"/> 
E-mail:	<input type="text" value="larkint@umich.edu"/>
Phone:	<input type="text" value="734-764-7237"/>


Common Mistake: Accomplishments



For question B.2, the Principal Investigator must include “the approaches taken to ensure robust and unbiased results”

B.2 What was accomplished under these goals?


For this reporting period describe: 1) major activities; 2) specific objectives; 3) significant results, including major findings, developments, or conclusions (both positive and negative); and 4) key outcomes or other achievements. Include a discussion of stated goals not met. As the project progresses, the emphasis in reporting in this section should shift from reporting activities to reporting accomplishments.


 Goals are equivalent to specific aims. In the response, emphasize the significance of the findings to the scientific field. Include the approaches taken to ensure robust and unbiased results. For most NIH awards the response should not exceed 2 pages.

For question B.6, the Principal Investigator must discuss “efforts to ensure that the approach is scientifically rigorous and results are robust and unbiased”

B.6 What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?

Describe briefly what you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals and objectives.

 Discuss efforts to ensure that the approach is scientifically rigorous and results are robust and unbiased. Remember that significant changes in objectives and scope require prior approval of the agency (e.g., NIH Grants Policy Statement, 8.1.2.).

 Include any important modifications to the original plans. Provide a scientific justification for any changes involving research with human subjects or vertebrate animals. A detailed description of such changes must be provided under Changes.

Common Mistake: Accomplishments (Cont'd)

For question B.3, the Principal Investigator must report on any associated supplement on the parent RPPR.

B.3 Competitive Revisions/Administrative Supplements

For this reporting period, is there one or more Revision/Supplement associated with this award for which reporting is required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, identify the Revision(s)/Supplement(s) by grant number (e.g., 3R01CA098765-01S1) or title and describe the specific aims and accomplishments for each Revision/Supplement funded during this reporting period. Include any supplements to promote diversity or re-entry, or other similar supplements to support addition of an individual or a discrete project.

Revision/Supplement #

For question B.4, the Principal Investigator must report on training and professional development opportunities.

B.4 What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?

If the research is not intended to provide training and professional development opportunities or there is nothing significant to report during this reporting period, state "Nothing to Report."

Describe opportunities for training and professional development provided to anyone who worked on the project or anyone who was involved in the activities supported by the project. "Training" activities are those in which individuals with advanced professional skills and experience assist others in attaining greater proficiency. Training activities may include, for example, courses or one-on-one work with a mentor. "Professional development" activities result in increased knowledge or skill in one's area of expertise and may include workshops, conferences, seminars, study groups, and individual study. Include participation in conferences, workshops, and seminars not listed under major activities.

Common Mistake: Products



For question C.1, any publications missing the PMCID# or NIHMSIDs will delay funding. We encourage your Principal Investigator to correct all PMCID# errors prior to submitting. Contact the UM library staff for assistance obtaining an NIHMSID.

C.1 Publications

Are there publications or manuscripts accepted for publication in a journal or other publication (e.g., book, one-time publication and monograph) during the reporting period resulting directly from this award? ☐ Yes ☒ No

There are three acceptable designations: 1) In Compliance, 2) PMC-Journal in Process, and 3) In Process at NIHMS.

nihms-library-support@umich.edu

www.publicaccess.nih.gov

Common Mistake: Products (Cont'd)



For question C.4, the Principal Investigator must report on invention(s) that were a result of research conducted during this reporting period. The invention(s) must be disclosed to the Office of Technology Transfer (OTT), and reported in iEdison by OTT, prior to submission of the RPPR.

C.4 Inventions, patent applications, and/or licenses

Have inventions, patent applications and/or licenses resulted from the award during this reporting period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, has this information been previously provided to the PHS or to the official responsible for patent matters at the grantee organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Reporting of inventions through [iEdison](#) is strongly encouraged.

www.techtransfer.umich.edu

Common Mistake: Participants



For question D.1, report on all NIH/AHRQ-identified Key Personnel (regardless of amount of effort) and anyone else who worked on the project for at least 1 Calendar Month. Effort must be rounded to the nearest whole person month. eRA Commons user names must be included for all students and post-doctoral fellows.

D.1 What individuals have worked on the project?

Provide or update the following information for: (1) program director(s)/principal investigator(s) (PDs/PIs); and (2) each person who has worked at least one person month per year on the project during the reporting period, regardless of the source of compensation (a person month equals approximately 160 hours or 8.3% of annualized effort).

Provide the name and identify the role the person played in the project. Indicate the nearest whole person month (Calendar, Academic, Summer) that the individual worked on the project. Show the most senior role in which the person has worked on the project for any significant length of time. For example, If an undergraduate student graduates, enters graduate school, and continues to work on the project, show that person as a graduate student.

Check the “PAN Notes” in eResearch to ensure your Principal Investigator and any other NIH/AHRQ-identified key personnel have devoted the required minimum effort. Reductions in effort greater than or equal to 25% require prior sponsor approval and should be requested on an ORSP Post Award Change Request form.

www.research.umich.edu/nih-era-commons-registration

Common Mistake: Participants (Cont'd)



For question D.2.c, if there were changes in the active other support of senior/key personnel, upload an Other Support document that includes only current support (not pending). The Other Support document must clearly identify the changes in support.

D.2.c Changes in Other Support



Has there been a change in the active other support of senior/key personnel since the last reporting period? ☒ Yes ☐ No


Common Mistake: Participants (Cont'd)



For question E.4, make sure all foreign involvement is disclosed.

E.4 What dollar amount of the award's budget is being spent in foreign country(ies)?

For domestic awardees provide the dollar amount obligated to first-tier subawards to foreign entities for this reporting period. For foreign awardees provide the dollar amount of the award, excluding all first-tier subawards to U.S. entities, for this reporting period. Dollars provided should reflect total costs.

If more than one foreign country, identify the distribution between the foreign countries. 

Common Mistake: Changes



In section F.3, unless there was a change in the Scope of Work, the human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards and/or select agents sections should indicate “No Change.”

F.3 Significant changes to Human Subjects, Vertebrate Animals, Biohazards, and/or Select Agents

Describe significant deviations, unexpected outcomes, or changes in approved protocols for human subjects, vertebrate animals, biohazards, and/or select agents during this reporting period.

Remember that significant changes in objectives and scope require prior approval of the agency (e.g., NIH Grants Policy Statement, 8.1.2.). If there are changes in any of the following areas check the appropriate box and provide a description of the changes.

Changes in Scope of Work require prior sponsor approval and should be requested on an ORSP Post Award Change Request form.

www.orsp.umich.edu/post-award-change-request-form

Common Mistake: Special Reporting Requirements



In section G.4, refer to the summary statement attached to the final proposal file in eResearch to appropriately respond to human subjects use questions.

G.4 Human Subjects

G.4.a Does the project involve human subjects? ?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the research exempt from Federal regulations? ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, check appropriate exemption number(s).

☐ E1 ☐ E2 ☐ E3 ☐ E4 ☐ E5 ☐ E6

Does this project involve a clinical trial? ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, is this an NIH-defined Phase III Clinical Trial? ?

☐ Yes ☐ No

PI:	Title:
Received: 09/29/2015	FOA:
Competition ID: FORMS-C	FOA Title:
	Dual:
IPF:	Organization:
Former Number:	Department:
IRG/SRG:	AIDS: N
Subtotal Direct Costs (excludes consortium F&A)	Animals: N Humans: N

Proposal Documents

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16-PAF01283_Final Commons Proposal_29Sept2015.pdf	9/29/2015 9:16 AM

Common Mistake: Special Reporting Requirements (Cont'd)



In section G.8, Regents of the University of Michigan should be delegated as the primary performance site and need only be listed once. The Congressional District should be MI-012.

Organization Names	DUNS	Congressional District	Address	Action
Primary: Regents of the University of Michigan	073133571-0000	MI-012	3003 S. State St, Ann Arbor MI, 481091274,UNITED STATES	Edit Delete
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - ANN ARBOR	073133571-0000		3003 SOUTH STATE STREET 1st Floor Wolverine Tower, ANN ARBOR MI, 481091276,UNITED STATES	Edit Delete
Regents of the University of Michigan	073133571-0000	MI-012	3003 S. State St, Ann Arbor MI, 481091274,UNITED STATES	Edit Delete

Common Mistake: Special Reporting Requirements (Cont'd)



In section G.10b, a strong justification for an unobligated balance greater than 25% of the current year's total budget must be provided. Note that the estimated unobligated balance must also be included.

G.10 Estimated Unobligated Balance

G.10.a Is it anticipated that an estimated unobligated balance (including prior year carryover) will be greater than 25% of the current year's total approved budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

AHRQ Special Instructions

The "total approved budget" equals the current fiscal year award authorization plus any approved carryover of funds from a prior year(s). The numerator equals the total amount available for carryover and the denominator equals the current year's total approved budget.

If yes, provide the estimated unobligated balance.

G.10.b Provide an explanation for unobligated balance below (Limit is 700 characters or approximately 1/4 of a page.)

Total remaining allowed limit is 700 characters.

Summary of Common Mistakes



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- Only “Current Support” should be included on Other Support documents
- Michigan should be delegated as the Primary Performance site and listed only once
- A strong justification should be included for any unobligated balance greater than 25%

Resources



- <https://commons.era.nih.gov/>
- https://era.nih.gov/commons/user_guide.cfm
- www.umich.edu/~eresinfo/erpm/docs/PM_PT_RPPRRReview_SS.pdf
- www.grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-16-031.html
- www.publicaccess.nih.gov
- www.techtransfer.umich.edu
- www.research.umich.edu/nih-era-commons-registration
- www.orsp.umich.edu/post-award-change-request-form