Changes to Signatures on the Human Subject Payment Request Forms

This fall, the human subject payment forms were modified by removing the requirement to obtain a signature from the IRB. This change was implemented to streamline the process. When a PI submits a request for a human subject participant payment, all procedures and requirements as established by the IRB, the Controller’s Office, Shared Services, and ORSP must be followed. Regardless of the method of payment chosen to pay a research participant (gift card, cash or check), the PI must complete the appropriate request form and receive approval prior to disbursing payment(s). The request must correspond with the type of payment and the amount provided on the IRB-approved consent and protocol. The revised forms are found on PioneerWeb under Administrative Processes/Payment Services.

If you have any questions about obtaining human subject payments for your research participants, please contact ORSP@du.edu.
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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced up to $400 million in funding for a range of research opportunities to support DOE’s clean energy, economic, and national security goals. The funding will advance the priorities of DOE’s Office of Science and its major programs, including Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Basic Energy Sciences, Biological and Environmental Research, Fusion Energy Sciences, High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, Isotope R&D and Production and Accelerator R&D and Production. This funding opportunity will help achieve the Biden Administration’s plan to employ science and innovation to tackle our greatest challenges.

The DOE Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), informally known as the “Open Call,” is issued annually at the beginning of each Fiscal Year (FY). It provides a vehicle for the Office of Science to solicit applications for research support in areas not covered by more specific, topical FOAs that are issued by the office over the course of the Fiscal Year. The FOA, titled “FY 2022 Continuation of Solicitation for the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program,” can be found on the Office of Science funding opportunities page.

Grant Podcast
Podcast: All About Grants, Financial Conflicts of Interest
(14 min listen)

All About Grants sits down with Diane Dean, a senior advisor within the NIH’s Office of Extramural Research, and dive into what you should know about financial conflicts of interest (FCOIs).

Upcoming Events
New Faculty Research Breakfast
Wednesday, Nov. 3
9 am
Community Commons Room 1600

An opportunity for faculty members new and not-so-new to learn about research support at DU.

Please email ORSPAdmin@du.edu for a calendar invitation.

Coffee with SPAC
Thursday, Jan. 27
9 am via Zoom

Get to Know ORSP
It’s been a while since we’ve all been truly face to face. Each issue, The Research Report will feature one of the staff members in ORSP. Get to know us and say hello!

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TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION: ACCESS ERA MODULES VIA LOGIN.GOV

To make eRA user accounts more secure with two-factor authentication (also known as multi-factor authentication), eRA is offering its users two ways to comply:

- use Login.gov
- and/or use an InCommon Federated account that support NIH’s two-factor authentication standards*

These two options should be used instead of an eRA account username and password to access eRA modules (eRA Commons, Commons Mobile, ASSIST, and Internet Assisted Review).

Using Login.gov enhances the security of sensitive information that is stored in eRA modules by providing two-factor authentication. Login.gov also allows users to sign into various government agency systems with a single set of credentials. Login.gov is also an option for accessing Grants.gov, the System for Award Management (SAM.gov), as well as MyNCBI, SciENcv, and MyBibliography.

ADJUSTED TIMELINE

To ensure a smooth transition and based on feedback from users, NIH is providing more time to make this transition than previously announced. Instead of requiring all users to transition to Login.gov by September 15, 2021, eRA will begin a phased approach beginning on that date for enforcing the two-factor authentication requirement for the NIH recipient community as described below.

This phased approach will apply to everyone — all scientific account holders should take action now, while administrative account holders will be required to move to two-factor authentication in early 2022.

The new timing for enforcing the requirement depends on the type of user account and a new triggering event. For additional instructions on how to create and link your eRA Commons and Login.Gov accounts, please use this link.

UPDATES & REFRESHERS

TIP OF THE MONTH

ADVANCED INDUSTRIES PROOF OF CONCEPT GRANT

DU researchers, don’t miss your opportunity to receive up to $150,000 in grant money sponsored by the Colorado’s Office of Economic Development & International Trade’s Advanced Industries Accelerator Program.

GRANT INFO

Advanced Industries Proof of Concept Grant (“Grant”) aims to help Colorado research institutions speed up applied research in advanced industries and commercialize products and services with the private sector. This Grant is not intended to be used for basic research; funding can be used to support milestones such as proof of principle, intellectual property protection, prototypes and technical validation, market assessment, and start-up and corporate formation costs, etc. The next application will open January 3, 2022.

As a participating certified research institution for the Grant, DU receives a pre-allocated amount of funding to support our own proof of concept projects on campus. DU researchers who are interested in applying for the internal allocation fund must contact the Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer (“Tech Transfer Office”) by January 31, 2022. Researchers who end up not receiving DU’s internal allocation fund may still apply for funding through the external competitive process. Researchers who do not seek to apply for the internal allocation would still need to contact the Tech Transfer Office at least two weeks prior to the submission date. All applications must be approved by the Tech Transfer Office before submission.

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NSF UPDATES

Recently, the National Science Foundation hosted an Award Policy Update Webinar with new and helpful information. ORSP encourages PIs who will be applying to NSF in the coming year to watch the webinar. A brief summary of the webinar can be found below.

NSF PROPOSAL & AWARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GUIDE
The new NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 22-1) will be effective for proposals submitted or due on or after October 4, 2021. Significant changes include:

- Requests for reasonable and accessibility accommodations
- NSF Pre-award and Post-award Disclosures Relating to the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support table which identifies where pre- & post-award biographical sketch & current and pending support disclosure information must be provided.
- Increasing the page limit for the biographical sketch from two to three pages;
- Updates to the current and pending support section of NSF proposals to require that information on objectives and overlap with other projects is provided to help NSF and reviewers assess overlap/duplication;
- Adding planning proposals and Career-Life Balance supplemental funding requests as new proposal types; and
- Updates to travel proposals will require that AORs certify that prior to the proposer’s participation in the meeting for which NSF travel support is being requested, the proposer will assure that the meeting organizer has a written policy or code-of-conduct addressing harassment.

A FEW MORE KEY PIECES FROM THE WEBINAR
- Fastlane is targeted to be removed as a submission option from all funding opportunities by December 31, 2022. NSF encourages the use of Research.gov as much as possible.
- Senior personnel who wish to include publications in the products section of the Biographical Sketch that include multiple authors may choose to list one or more of the authors and then "et al" in lieu of including the complete listing of authors’ names.
- In-kind contributions intended for use on the project being proposed must be included in the Facilities, Equipment, and Other Resources attachment. In-kind contributions not intended for use on the project being proposed must be included in the Current and Pending attachment.

TIP OF THE MONTH

HOW TO APPLY
To apply for the Advanced Industries Proof of Concept Grant, your project needs to:

- create a disruptive technology that directly impacts at least one Colorado advanced industry
- originate from DU
- accelerate product or service commercialization through pre-commercial research and commercialization preparation
- provide matching $1-to-$3 non-State funding to State funding

The technology must impact at least one of these advanced industries:

- advanced manufacturing
- aerospace
- bioscience
- electronics
- energy and natural resources (including cleantech)
- infrastructure engineering
- technology and information

This grant has been a tremendous resource for DU’s researchers in the past. If you are interested in applying or learning more about the Grant, please contact CeCe Ging (cece.ging@du.edu). To access additional Grant information, please visit the grant website.

WE CAN HELP
If you have an invention disclosure, please contact the University of Denver’s Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer at TechTransfer@du.edu.

ONE LAST THING!
the Research & Scholarship Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021 is available online! Please take some time to look over the incredible work you and your colleagues have accomplished.
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