

Sponsored Research - News, Updates, Reminders

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The Sponsored Research - News, Updates & Reminders is a monthly e-newsletter published by the Offices of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and Grants Management (OGM). [Subscribe through this link](#) to receive monthly information that impacts pre and post-award administration. Do not miss out on receiving up to date announcements, Sponsor updates, training opportunities and much more!



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Reporting Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan Activities in the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) (NOT-OD-24-123)

This Notice ([NOT-OD-24-123](#)) informs the extramural research community of planned changes to the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) instructions to address the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy. Upon receiving approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), NIH will issue new DMS RPPR questions that align with the [NIH Final Policy on Data Management and Sharing](#), to include updates on the status of data sharing, repositories and unique identifiers for data that have been shared.

Availability of Additional Guidance

The updated NIH RPPR Instruction Guide will be posted to the [Research Performance Progress Report \(RPPR\)](#) page upon approval from OIRA. NIH plans to implement the new questions for RPPRs submitted on or after October 1, 2024.

Resources

- [NIH Data Sharing Website](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Research Performance Progress Report \(RPPR\)](#)

Updated NIH Grants Policy Statement for Fiscal Year 2024

The updated [NIH Grants Policy Statement \(NIHGPS\)](#) is here for fiscal year 2024! The NIHGPS provides the policy requirements that serve as NIH standard terms and conditions of award for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements, and extensive guidance to those who are interested in pursuing NIH grants.

This revision incorporates new and modified requirements, clarifies certain policies, and implements changes in statutes, regulations, and policies since the previous version of the NIHGPS dated December 2022. For an overview of key updates, see [Significant Changes to the GPS for FY 2024](#). This update is applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after October 1, 2023. This update supersedes, in its entirety, the NIHGPS dated December 2022. Previous

versions of the NIHGPS remain applicable as standard terms and conditions of award for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods that began prior to October 1, 2023.

For more details, see the full [Guide Notice](#).

NOT-OD-24-104 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2024

This Notice ([NOT-OD-24-104](#)) supersedes [NOT-OD-23-076](#) and establishes stipend levels for fiscal year (FY) 2024 Kirschstein-NRSA awards for undergraduate, predoctoral, and postdoctoral trainees and fellows, as shown in the tables below which reflects the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 ([Public Law 118-047](#)), signed into law on March 23, 2024. NIH is being responsive, as much as possible given the constrained budget environment, to the [Advisory Committee to the Director Working Group on Re-Envisioning NIH-Supported Postdoctoral Training](#) report recommendations. In fact, FY 2024 stipend levels for predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees and fellows represents the largest year-over-year increase in recent history. We are committed to reaching the \$70,000 recommendation over the next 3-4 years, as appropriations allow. The Training Related Expenses and Institutional Allowances for predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees and fellows reflect a moderate increase. The Tuition and Fees for all educational levels remain unchanged from the prior budget year. See [NIH Funding Strategies](#) for guidance on current NIH Fiscal Operations.

The budgetary categories described in this Notice apply only to Kirschstein-NRSA awards made with FY 2024 funds. All FY 2024 awards previously issued using [NOT-OD-23-076](#) will be revised to adjust funding to the FY 2024 levels. Appointments to institutional training grants that have already been awarded in FY 2024 must be amended to reflect the FY 2024 stipend levels once the training grant award has been adjusted by NIH. Amended appointments must be submitted through xTrain in the eRA Commons. Retroactive adjustments or supplementation of stipends or other budgetary categories with Kirschstein-NRSA funds for an award made prior to October 1, 2023, are not permitted. See the [full text of the Notice](#) for tables that include the Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels.

NINDS Policy for applications requesting \$500,000 or more in direct costs in any year (excluding consortium F&A) on NIH Parent R01 Notices of Funding Opportunities

Due to the growing cost of individual grant applications and reduced use of the modular budget format, NINDS is faced with a challenging budgetary landscape. To maintain support for as many investigators as possible in this current environment requires careful management of research projects with large budgets. Effective immediately, [NINDS will establish a more stringent payline for all grants applications requesting \\$500,000 or more in direct costs in any year \(excluding consortium F&A\)](#) submitted in response to [Parent R01](#) Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) and their reissues.

Take a Walk With the NIH Through The NIH Grants Process

NIH offered "[The NIH Grants Process: A Brief Walk-Through for Beginners](#)" webinar on May 15, 1:00-2:30 pm ET. New to working with the NIH grants process and trying to get a better understanding of how it all works? The NIH Grants Process: A Brief Walk-Through for Beginners webinar will answer many of the basic questions that NIH frequently hears from newcomers to the process, followed by a live Q&A with NIH experts who will be helping to answer additional questions submitted during the registration process and raised during the event. With over an hour dedicated to Q&A, this is a unique opportunity to get your questions answered. This is a simulive event hosted by the NIH Office of Extramural Research and the NIH Center for Scientific Review.

Webinar – Updates to NIH Institutional Training Grant Applications

The NIH institutional training grant application is undergoing changes that take effect for submissions due on or after January 25, 2025. Wondering about the implications for your application preparation? Consider participating in this live, [virtual event on June 5, 2024](#) where NIH experts will provide insights and updates on these changes, concluding with a live Q&A session. Registration is required, so reserve your spot today!

For more details on the goals of these changes, see the [Updates to Training Grant Applications](#) page.



NSF Updates & Reminders

Now Available in SciENcv: NSF's Implementation of the NSTC-approved Common Forms for the NSF Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support

NSF is pleased to announce that the NSTC-approved Common Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support which are compliant with the new NSF *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) ([NSF 24-1](#)), are now available in [SciENcv](#). These revised formats will be required for proposals submitted or due on or after May 20, 2024. While these revised formats cannot be uploaded in Research.gov or Grants.gov until May 20, 2024, NSF encourages proposers to become familiar with them in preparation for proposal submission in May.

NSF Policy Office Webinar: NSF Implementation of the Common Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support

View the recording of the recent "[Implementing the Common Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#)". This session covered the policy behind NSF's implementation in the Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) (NSF 24-1). In addition, NIH/National Library of Medicine provided a demonstration of the revised capability to create and download these required proposal documents in SciENcv.

NSF Unveils Dashboard with Information on Institutions it Supports

We are excited to announce the launch of a new tool by the National Science Foundation (NSF) called "[NSF by the Numbers](#)." This innovative dashboard provides comprehensive information on the institutions supported by NSF, allowing for detailed exploration of key metrics such as funding rates, proposals evaluated, and obligations by fiscal year.

With "NSF by the Numbers," institutions can gain valuable insights into their performance and funding trends. This tool is designed to enhance transparency and facilitate strategic planning for research and development activities.

To give you a glimpse of the tool's capabilities, here is a snapshot of Stony Brook University's data:

Suny At Stony Brook

Stony Brook, New York

MSI : Non-MSI

ERI : Non-Emerging Research Institution

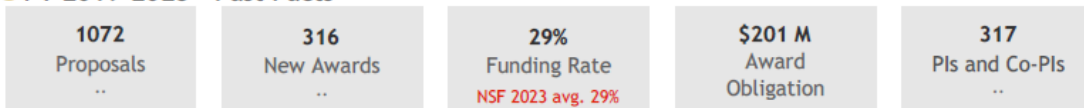
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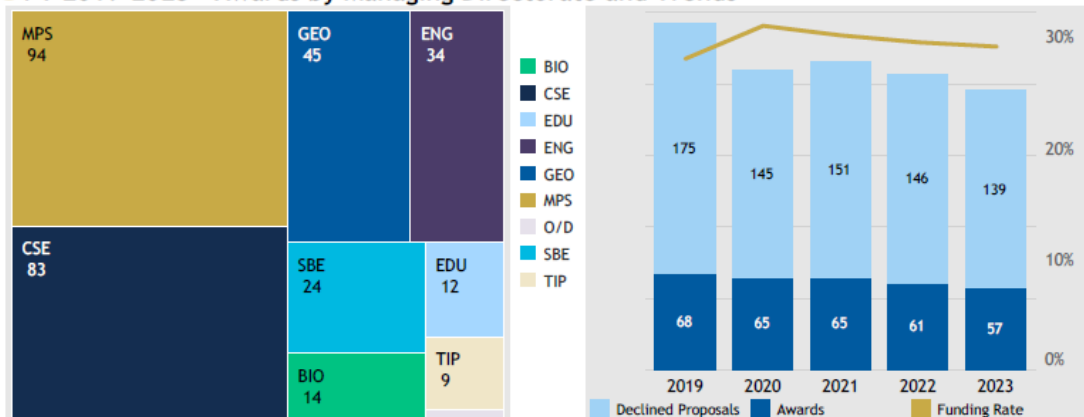
Current EPSCoR State : NO

As of Date: May 2, 2024

FY 2019-2023 - Fast Facts



FY 2019-2023 - Awards by Managing Directorate and Trends



Note: Due to privacy, statistics with fewer than 10 proposals will not be shown on the chart.

Largest Active Awards

[All Active Awards](#)

Award ID	Award Title	Award Date	Directorate	Total Intended Award Amount
2120747	U.S. ATLAS Operations: Discovery and Measurement at the Energy Frontier	01/20/2022	MPS	\$51,250,000
2134840	NSF Convergence Accelerator-Track D: AI-Grid: AI-Enabled, Provably Resilient, Programmable Networked Microgrids	09/15/2021	TIP	\$5,000,000
1922639	NRT-HDR: Quantitative Analysis of Dynamic Structures	08/22/2019	EDU	\$2,999,967
2125295	NRT-HDR: Detecting and Addressing Bias in Data, Humans, and Institutions	08/27/2021	EDU	\$2,999,513
1927880	Category II : Ookami: A high-productivity path to frontiers of scientific discovery enabled by exascale system technologies	07/11/2019	CSE	\$2,780,373

Most Recent Active Awards

Award ID	Award Title	Award Date	Directorate	Total Intended Award Amount
2316612	Collaborative Research: Uncovering the adaptive origins of fossil apes through the application of a transdisciplinary approach	03/29/2024	SBE	\$230,280
2412196	EAGER: IMPRESS-U: Developing new approaches and structural materials to rebuild damaged Ukrainian infrastructure with envi..	03/05/2024	O/D	\$299,590
2337891	CAREER: Scalable and Flexible Indexing of Compressed Sequences	03/01/2024	CSE	\$598,224
2411615	EAGER: Airborne Investigation of the Chlorine Mediated Mineral Dust Sea Spray Aerosol (MDSA) Mechanism in the Western Atlantic	02/02/2024	GEO	\$299,818
2341137	Doctoral Dissertation Research: Obstetric constraints on neurocranial shape in nonhuman primates	01/24/2024	SBE	\$17,676

We encourage you to explore "NSF by the Numbers" and take advantage of the wealth of information it offers. This tool is an invaluable resource for understanding our institution's research funding landscape and identifying opportunities for growth and improvement.

myResearch Updates and Reminders

General myResearch Reminders

We would like to remind myResearch Grants users of the importance of utilizing the [myResearch Grants training resources](#) - or testing environment for those who have taken part in our training sessions - to create sample proposals or get more familiarized with the system. The myResearch testing environment and training materials were specifically designed for testing and training purposes, allowing users to familiarize themselves with the system and practice without any impact on the live environment.

Key Points to Remember:

Training and Testing: Use the [online training resources](#) for the myResearch Grants Test environment to create sample proposals and practice submission processes. This helps ensure you are fully prepared when it comes time to submit real proposals. OSP offers hands-on training classes, via Zoom, to instruct participants on how to build a sample funding proposal in the myResearch Grants Test environment. Users can sign up for multiple dates if a refresher on the information is needed. Please visit the [OSP/ OGM training website](#) to view the upcoming class schedule and [register for classes](#).

Avoiding Inaccurate Data: Submitting sample proposals in the live environment can lead to inaccurate data, cluttered inboxes, and confusion. It's crucial to keep the live environment clean and accurate for actual submissions to external sponsors.

Reducing Risks: Using the live environment for non-submission activities increases the risk of errors, such as mistakenly submitting incomplete or incorrect proposals to sponsors. This can have serious repercussions on our institution's reputation and success rates.

Minimizing Inconveniences: Non-essential activities in the live environment can slow down the system, affecting everyone who needs to use it for genuine submissions. Only use the live environment for proposals that are intended for submission to external sponsors.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our systems efficient and our data accurate. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at

ovpr_myresearchgrants@stonybrook.edu.

Other Reminders:

- If you will be engaging in a clinical trial or a testing/lab study, please make sure to log into the [myResearch Agreement module](#) and create the agreement log. The system will walk you through questions on the smart forms that are specific to your project. Once the smart forms are completed, click on submit and your Contract team member will be in touch. As a reminder, all agreements that flow through The Research Foundation and are supported by the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) can be initiated either by OSP or by the PI/their research administrative staff. For questions regarding agreements, reach out to osp_contracts@stonybrook.edu.
- Off-Campus Determination: The Off-Campus rate applies when all or greater than 50% of project personnel effort will take place at an off-campus location over the full period of performance or for longer than 50% of the award period. Note that convenience, telecommuting, conferences, and incidental travel do not qualify for the off-campus determination. The Facilities and Administrative/Indirect Cost (F&A/IDC) Off-Campus Rate Request Form must be completed for all off-campus rate requests and must be uploaded to the General Proposal Information page, Field 9.0. Select 100% off campus in question, Where will the majority of the project activities take place?, and Yes to the question, DHHS F&A Rate applies? MyResearch will prompt you to upload the completed/signed request form.

OSP News, Announcements and Reminders

New New York State Proposal and Award Portal

New York State (NYS) transitioned its proposal and grants management activities that were performed in the Grants Gateway to the **Statewide Financial System (SFS)** on January 16, 2024. SFS is the New York State (NYS) government's accounting and financial management system used to manage contracts and payments. SFS's access and role designation will be handled by the Research Foundation's Central Office, as opposed to being handled at the campus level, as was Grants Gateway. The Central Office is working to provide all of the faculty and staff here at Stony Brook that previously had access to Grants Gateway, access to SFS. You will receive an email with your login credentials which will provide you with the necessary access. If you haven't received an email yet and

need access, please contact your [OSP Contract Specialist](#). They will work with the Central Office to provide you with access to the new system.

As with most new system implementations, we are finding that there are some challenges and concerns which we have voiced to our Central Office. They are working with NYS to help understand and answer some of these issues. We will keep you updated as we are provided with new information. Stay tuned!

Reminder: Changes in Departmental Assignments

The Office of Sponsored Programs has recently welcomed some new members to our team, and as a result, there have been and will continue to be some adjustments to our organizational structure in order to optimize our capabilities and better serve our objectives. Effective May 20th, department assignments have been updated. For your department's current OSP Specialist, please visit [Contact Us/Department Assignments](#). If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to reach out to osp@stonybrook.edu.

Post Award Corner

Requests to modify an existing award require a [myResearch award modification](#) request for institutional review but in many cases, they also require prior sponsor approval. For example, the NSF requires a notification request in Research.gov for the following requests:

- Budget activities including change in “person months” effort, reallocation of funds originally budgeted for participant support & additional categories of participant support costs other than those described in 2 CFR 200.75.
- No cost extensions.
- Changes in objectives, scope or methodology or other significant changes.
- Changes in PI, Co-PI or person months devoted to the project.
- Post award disclosure of current support and in-kind contributions.
- Subawarding, Transferring or contracting out part of an NSF Award.

For NIH, prior approval is required:

- No cost extensions.
- Carryover of unobligated balances (if the funding mechanism does not allow for automatic carryover).

- Change in Scope.
- Change in the status of the PD/PI or senior/key personnel named in the NOA, including reduction in effort of 25% or more.
- Change in recipient organization. (transfer out)
- Deviation from award terms and conditions (ie changes in the human subject plan, use of animals or rDNA etc plans.
- Addition of a foreign component.
- Rebudgeting of funds from trainee costs.

Please see the [FDP prior approval matrix](#) that lists most Federal agencies requirements for prior approval.

For non federal sponsors, please be sure to review your grant agreement for information on what prior approvals may be needed before an award modification can be processed. As always, please feel free to reach out to your [OSP Post Award Specialist](#) or OSP_Postawards@stonybrook.edu if you are considering an award modification and have any questions on how to proceed with next steps.

OSP Reminders

[Please contact your Specialist](#) as soon as you identify a grant opportunity for which you want to apply. Advance notice will provide you with detailed attention to your proposal by your OSP Specialist and will ensure that sponsor deadlines are met successfully. [View our proposal submission policy.](#)

Below are the main inboxes in use at OSP. Please use these inboxes based on their descriptions.

osp@stonybrook.edu - This inbox is responsible for all general inquiries, proposal requests, research system access requests, and issues for OSP.

osp_contracts@stonybrook.edu - This is the main inbox for the contracts, subaward and clinical trials team. Directing all inquiries, and especially supporting documentation, to this general email box will ensure all matters are logged in and routed to the Contracts/Clinical Trials or Subaward Specialist assigned to assist you.

osp_postawards@stonybrook.edu - This new inbox must be used for communication on new and existing awards, as well as post award administration functions involving funded sponsored research projects.

ovpr_myresearchgrants@stonybrook.edu - This is the main inbox for inquiries related to the use, navigation or inquiries related to myResearch Grants module.

OGM News, Announcements and Reminders

Discontinuation of Paper Requisitions for Research Foundation Funded Non-Travel Employee Reimbursements

Effective May 31 - The Office of Grants Management and the Procurement, Travel & Card Programs Office will no longer accept paper requisitions for RF funded non-travel employee reimbursements (this does not apply to non-employees).

Please submit your expense reports for out of pocket non-travel reimbursements through Concur using the RF Non-Travel Policy.

Details/training can be found via the link below, or please reach out to:

sbu_travel_expense@stonybrook.edu.

End of Award Period Expenditures

Expenditures in the final 90 days of the active Award period must be necessary for the conduct of grant activities and be for items that will be fully utilized prior to the end of the award. Expenditures during this time period must clearly reflect why the items are needed and represent a quantity that is reasonable for the time that they will be utilized. Items of long term use, such as computers and computer accessories, equipment, and service agreements that exceed the award end date, should not be submitted for consideration.

Procurement of equipment and supplies may not be purchased simply to use an unobligated balance remaining at the end of the project and these costs are highly scrutinized during audit and are targets for disallowed cost. The annual federal cost audit targets end of award charges to confirm that there is satisfactory evidence that all costs are necessary, reasonable and will be utilized within the award period. The OGM approval process serves to document this review and is critical to our federal cost accounting standard compliance. More can be found under the Code of Federal Regulation - 2 CFR 200.402-405.

Timely Travel Reimbursement Requests

Travelers are reminded that requests for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred during travel must be submitted within 30 days of return from the travel event. This is especially important when using the RF Bank of America Travel card for travel expenses. Failure to reconcile a card can result in suspension of card privileges.

Campus Food and Beverage Policy

The Procurement office has created an [outline for food and beverage purchases](#) to include when they may be allowable using externally sponsored awards. As always, approvals are specific to the sponsored award terms and conditions.

Questions regarding allowability should be directed to ogm_ovpr@stonybrook.edu

The Research Foundation Equipment Insurance

The Research Foundation for SUNY provides campus users access to a [policy that can protect equipment](#) purchased with and used in support of, Research Foundation sponsored research activity.

Since Stony Brook University has no other funding source to provide for damage to, or loss of equipment, this is your only vehicle for protecting your equipment. This low cost coverage through AMSURE protects equipment against loss with worldwide coverage, including flood and earthquake.

The annual premium rate under the equipment policy, effective July 1, 2023 is \$1.43 per \$100 of coverage (for the current award budget period) with a deductible of \$1000.

Settlement of claims is based on the replacement value of the damaged or lost equipment. Insurance may be renewed during each new award budget period.

Most sponsors allow equipment insurance to be charged to grant awards and contracts as an acceptable way to protect the equipment necessary to conduct the research project. This insurance is strongly encouraged.

The signed RF purchase requisition using the supplier AMSURE, a copy of the original purchase order for the equipment and a completed insurance floater form should be sent to OGM email.

ogm_ovpr@stonybrook.edu.

Welcome to new OGM team members:

The Office of Grants Management is pleased to announce the following new team members.

Phoebe Daoud who has been with OGM since early 2023 as the post award financial manager of subawards, will transition to the role of Sponsored Award Analyst in the coming months, as we recruit for her replacement.

Cinthia Alvarez-Buonaiuto has joined OGM as a Sponsored Award Analyst as a filling a vacancy created by a retiring team member. Cinthia previously worked with the department of Pharmacology and we welcome her sponsored award management experience.

Lisa Tierney who has been with OGM since 2015 in various progressive roles, will now serve as the Sponsored Award Expeditor facilitating award management needs leading to the timely close out and reconciliation of account activity.

Bichevia Patterson-Nicolas has joined OGM as an Administrative Staff Assistant serving as the point of contact for the Clincard Program through Greenphire which provides a tool to pay participants that are compensated for participation in research studies. Bichevia will also manage the RF Property Insurance Program that is available to all researchers who wish to purchase insurance against loss or theft of research equipment and tools.

OGM email reminders

The Office of Grants Management maintains several monitored email boxes as outlined below.

ogm_ovpr@stonybrook.edu - for incoming documents that require processing, such as a material and services requisitions for recharging, paper travel reimbursements for non-employees and for general inquiries. Please be sure to include all Award/Project information in your email so we can properly direct your inquiry.

sbu_subrecipient_invoice@stonybrook.edu - for incoming subaward invoices from partnering institutions that are collaborating with SBU PIs to report expenditures and request payment against active agreements on sponsored awards.

ogm_billing@stonybrook.edu - for incoming payment information from those sponsors that pay The RF for SUNY for sponsored and non-sponsored research activity.

ogm_clinicaltrialreceivables@stonybrook.edu - for incoming payment information specific to Clinical Trial Awards.

Training, Workshops and Other News

Spring 2024 NSF Virtual Grants Conference

Registration is open for the hybrid [Spring 2024 NSF Grants Conference](#) from **June 3 to June 5, 2024**, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania! This conference is designed to give new faculty, researchers, and administrators key insights into a wide range of current issues at NSF. NSF program officers representing each NSF directorate will be on hand to provide up-to-date information about specific funding opportunities and to answer attendee questions. A draft agenda will be available soon. Feel free to check the [nsf policy outreach](#) website for the most [up-to-date information and view recordings](#) of sessions from previous conferences. You may also view the [Fall 2023 Virtual Grants Conference recordings](#) on NSF's YouTube page. If you have any logistical questions about this hybrid conference, please [contact NSF at grants_conference@nsf.gov](mailto:grants_conference@nsf.gov).

SRA International offers “PI Intensive for New Faculty and Researchers” Workshop

The [PI Intensive for New Faculty and Researcher Workshop](#) is a comprehensive Workshop designed to empower new faculty and researchers with the essential knowledge base and skills needed to excel in their careers. This one-and-a-half day program will be held from **October 24 to 25** in Chicago, Illinois at The Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile. Led by distinguished researchers across the SRAI network, this program offers valuable insights and practical guidance for our Senior Postdoctoral Fellows, Assistant Professors, and Faculty new to research. By attending the PI Intensive, new faculty members and researchers will gain insight into PI roles and responsibilities and learn how to develop competitive grant applications, negotiate effectively with institutions, and master project management techniques.

SciENCv Training

Save the Dates! OSP and OPD will be offering a “A How-to Guide for SciENCv ” training to assist in preparing personnel documents with the new requirements. The next training will be **Wednesday, September 25 from 10 to 11 am**. Keep checking the [Upcoming Workshops on the OPD website](#) for registration availability.

myResearch Grants Training Sessions

myResearch Training sessions: myResearch Grants is the campus approval system required prior to the submission of all funding applications to a sponsor. OSP offers hands-on training classes, via Zoom, to instruct participants on how to build a sample funding proposal in the myResearch Grants Test environment, including how to fill out the smart forms, complete the main FP section with required attachments, budget sections and credit split section. We will also discuss routing, revising the FP and answer any questions that you may have about the process. Each training session will cover the same content, so please only sign up for multiple dates if you would like a refresher on the information. Please visit the [OSP/ OGM training website](#) to view the upcoming class schedule and [register for classes](#).

WolfMart Live Training is Now Available!

Are you new to WolfMart and unsure of how to use it? Or an existing WolfMart user that could benefit from a WolfMart refresher? Procurement now offers LIVE WolfMart training classes via Zoom! This comprehensive training course covers all the basics of WolfMart: site navigation, how to put through requisitions and purchase orders, various special request forms and when to use each, as well as tips and tricks. Training sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. [Register for a WolfMart Live training session](#).

Have questions on a specific topic?

The Offices of Sponsored Programs and Grants Management launched a new webpage which allows you to find your contact information in our offices, as well as other units in OVPR, by searching a specific topic. This information is available on the [OSP-OGM website](#).

External Newsletters

[Access external newsletters on the OSP-OGM website](#) for the most up to date information from Grants.gov, NIH and other agencies.

Research Community Corner

The Research Community Corner is designed to provide our campus administrators and researchers with the opportunity to connect with our two central offices, OSP and OGM, by sharing important topics, updates, experiences, best practices which would help build a common understanding around pre and post-award research administration. Other relevant news or topics of interest we would like to know and share include department or unit changes due to retirement, reorganization, new hires; meaningful resources; helpful tips; training and support requests or ideas to peer administrators or faculty; OSP/OGM employee recognition messages. As always, OSP and OGM will work with departments to ensure faculty and research administrators have correct system access and provide training to those who are unfamiliar with OSP/OGM processes. [Share your news, ideas, best practices, or topics of interest!](#)

Topics must be submitted to us no later than the third Friday of each month in order to be reviewed and considered for publication.

Team Spotlights



Who is working on a cool new project and why? Working with someone who exceeded your expectations? This section will focus on recognizing the great service provided, and the good that happens on a daily basis in OSP and OGM.

Campus feedback is always appreciated!

To **Dawn Alomar**, OSP -

Dear Alina Azzam-Stroia, Congratulations! Your employee Dawn Alomar has received a Gratitude Gram from Deborah Mann Rodriguez via the [Thank a Seawolf recognition portal](#).

Hi Dawn, I wanted to thank you so much for serving on the search committee for the CEAS

Proposal Coordinator position. I know first-hand that this process takes so much dedication and

patience to review and interview the candidates and I really appreciate your efforts! Thank you so much!!!! Warm regards, Wolfie

To **Joseph Scarola**, OGM

Good morning-

*I just wanted to send a general note to say THANK YOU for all of your help with the massive number of conference reimbursements I have been sending to you - many late for varying reasons. We had three faculty members who hosted conferences abroad last year and getting through all of the reimbursements, with the many back and forths with the travelers and the currency conversions etc. was so time consuming and I know once they get to you, there is even more work involved... so my apologies again and my thanks for all of them!
Again, thank you all so much for all of your help!*



"May is the month when dreams take flight. Let's make them soar!" – Walt Disney