

Notes for faculty representatives: FDP meeting held on January 28 and 29, 2013

Agency Updates

NSF and FastLane now require the Project Summary to include text in three separate boxes that proposers must fill in describing “Overview,” “Statement on Intellectual Merit,” and “Statement on Broader Impacts.” FastLane will not accept proposals that do not include text in these three boxes. Proposals with special characters must include the Project Summary as an upload. FastLane will not accept the proposal if the Project Summary is more than one page. More information for proposers is at

http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/merit_review/resources.jsp.

NSF biosketches now contain “Products” instead of “Publications,” which allows proposers to include publications, data sets, software, patents, and other products. Additional information on biographical sketches is available at

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf13001/gpg_2.jsp#IIC2f.

NSF will implement submission of the Research Performance Progress Report via Research.gov on March 18, 2013. Details are provided at http://www.research.gov/research-portal/appmanager/base/desktop?nfpb=true&pageLabel=research_node_display&nodePath=/researchGov/Service/Desktop/PublicOutcomesReport.html.

NIH will require that progress reports for SNAP and fellowships with budget start dates after 7/1/13 to be submitted using the Research Performance Progress Report. Implementation for non-SNAP awards is still to be determined. Awardees can generate a PDF report of publications for progress reports using “My Bibliography” at “My NCBI.” Instructions are given at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/nd12/nd12_myncbi_pdf.html. NIH will require this list in progress reports starting 7/1/13.

“Assist”

Megan Columbus, Sheri Cummins, and Pete Morton described a new electronic proposal submission system for NIH called “Assist,” which is designed for complex applications (e.g., large programs and centers). Now in pilot phase, it will be required for complex applications later this year. Details and web links are in the presentation at

http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA_081164.

Faculty Committee

The 2012 faculty burden survey showed that principal investigators spend 58% of their research time on active research and 42% on research administration (the same as in the 2005 survey). Sandy Schneider presented results showing the more time-consuming responsibilities and how they affect faculty in various fields and different academic rank. The presentation is at http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA_081164.

Compliance Session – Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Jane McCutcheon described the “IRB Exempt Wizard” project. The wizard is an electronic checklist that a PI can fill out for research projects involving human subjects. The wizard then indicates whether the project is exempt or requires IRB review. Several universities are piloting the wizard by comparing determinations made by the wizard with determinations made by standard review processes. Results are expected later this year.

Link to Presentations at the FDP meeting

http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA_081164.