Department Administrator Forum

October 11, 2023

Gretchen Hartigan - Assistant Vice President, Post Award
Renna Onario Lilly - Assistant Vice President, Pre Award
Agenda

- Procure to Pay
- Central Updates
- General Q&A
Housekeeping

Questions
- Submit questions to the chat
- Please mute and use the “raise hand” button
- Q&A session at end

Recording
- Session is being recorded
- Will be posted online, only available with Kerberos password

Resources
- Slides to be posted to website & emailed to registrants
- Additional resources shared out after presentation
Central Updates
Pre-Award

- Federal shutdown averted until November 17
- Update to NIH DMS proposal budgets
- Prior approval requests to revise data management and sharing plans for NIH Awards must be submitted via prior approval “Other Request” type in era commons effective October 12
- Reminder of BU’s Proposal Submission Policy
  https://www.bu.edu/research/forms-policies/proposal-submission-policy/
- Update to Foreign subawards on NIH grants
A Look at NIH's Updated Policy Guidance for Subaward Agreements.

NOT-OD-23-182, issued September 15, 2023

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Manager, Outgoing Subawards
Agenda

• Background
• What changed in NIH GPS 15.2
• Overview
• Summary
• Questions
Background

• The changes to the GPS are a result of two government oversight audits.

• A Notice regarding this change was 1st issued in May.

• The September notice replaces the May notice.

• The September Notice cleared up many questions left unanswered since May
Added Language

For foreign subrecipients, a provision requiring the foreign subrecipient to provide access to copies of all lab notebooks, all data, and all documentation that supports the research outcomes as described in the progress report, to the primary recipient with a frequency of no less than once per year, in alignment with the timing requirements for Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) submission. Such access may be entirely electronic.
Overview:

Timeline

- This requirement goes into effect on January 1, 2024.
- Boston University has 60 days to amend all affected subawards.

Access

- Lab notebooks, all data, and all documentation that supports the research outcomes in RPPR
- Electronic access is acceptable
- Access due date hooked to RPPR Report due date.
- Acknowledgement in LOI

Affected Subawards

- NIH Prime Sponsor
- Subrecipient is a foreign entity.
- Active obligation period as of 1/1/24
- A report of applicable subs is in the works, and will be distributed by Department soon.
Summary

• Our internal process is under development, and we are expecting to move forward with amendments beginning late Fall.

• Once a list of all subs is finalized, we will distribute by department.

• NIH expects recipients to ask potential subrecipients, at the application stage, to submit language in their letters of support indicating their awareness of these requirements and the subrecipient’s willingness to abide by all requirements should an award be issued.

• More detailed information to follow via a formal blog post.
Questions?

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Post Award

- Financial Research Executive Dashboard (FRED)
  - Blog Post Sent Out
  - Go Live Kick Off Training: 10/19 @ 9am or 12pm
  - FRED Office Hours available
    - 10/30: 2pm
    - 11/2: 11am
    - 11/7: 1pm
    - 11/13: 10am
    - 11/16: 1pm
Post Award

• Sponsor Draw and Invoice Deadlines
  • Ensure expenditures get onto accounts in a timely manner
  • BU is held to Sponsor Deadlines such as:
    • “Invoice within 60 days of end date” for pass thru Sponsors
    • Accounts on Letter of Credit (LOC), total expenditures need to be confirmed with your Post Award Officer within 75 days of end date to ensure we can draw remaining balances accordingly

• Blog Post from last week
Training Tour

- Getting Started with Grant Management
- Training Guide
- Prepare a Proposal FAQ’s
- Manage an Award FAQ’s
- Best Practice Library
Upcoming Dates

• PAR due October 6 – Send them in ASAP!

• FRED Training & Launch
  • October 19 at 9 AM and 12 PM

• October, November, December are busy in terms of proposal & financial report deadlines

• Intersession: Dec. 25-January 1

• Next DA Forum winter 2024
  • Put in the chat ideas for topics & speakers