Res Updates 2020 April 10 - COVID 19 Updates

New NSF Requirement for Biosketch and Current and Pending Documents

In our Research Updates on December 20, 2019, we alerted you about the upcoming new NSF requirement for biographical sketches by NSF. The new NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG) NSF 20-1 is now available, and will be effective for proposals submitted or due on or after June 1, 2020. Use of an NSF-approved format for the biographical sketch as well as Current and Pending supporting document will be required. The only approved formats for creating such documents are either SciENcv or NSF Fillable PDF. More details are available at these two NSF websites. The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will work with you to ensure that you will meet this new requirement.

- NSF-Approved Format fro the Biographical sketch
- NSF-Approved Formats for the Current and pending Support

NSF Webinar Events

Noyce Proposal Preparation Webinars
- ➤ First webinar on April 28th from 12:30-2:00 PM ET and will focus on Track 1: Scholarships and Stipends, Track 2: Teaching Fellowships, Track 3: Master Teaching Fellowships, and Capacity Building.
- ➤ Second webinar on **April 30th from 4:00-5:30 PM ET** will focus on Track 4: Research.

<u>Webinar on Research vs. Evaluation in S-STEM Proposals</u>. This webinar provides an overview of education evaluation and research which can inform project improvement and knowledge generation. It took place on March 30, but you can view the recording at https://www.sstem.aaas.org/webinars

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COVID-19 Related Funding Opportunities for Arts, Culture, and Humanities

This is a list of opportunities compiled by the CUNY Research Foundation Award Pre-Proposal Support (APPS) unit. It is available on RF website at https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/media/2499/guidance-to-arts-and-culture-pis-on-covid-19.pdf

In addition, the following remarks from RF provide additional background.

1. We updated the relief funding advisory for arts and culture faculty with many new opportunities. Please find this document attached. In addition, this document is updated on the RF website here.

   Please note: faculty and other affiliated arts staff are now eligible for the U.S. Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program if they are also "self-employed" as a single-member LLC or independent contractor.

2. As you may know, the NEH and NEA each received $75M from the CARES Act to help rescue the arts, culture, and humanities sectors. Each federal agency will re-grant about half of the money to state and local agencies (e.g. NYSCA, DCLA, Brooklyn Arts Council, Humanities NY), who will then make smaller grants to individuals and organizations in turn. These mechanisms have yet to be set-up – please stay tuned for further notification. However, the *other half* of the CARES Act money for arts, culture, and humanities will be available as direct grants from these federal agencies:
   a. The NEH has yet to announce its guidelines for direct grants. APPS will be in touch when those are announced.
   b. The NEA *has announced* its CARES Act grant program! Importantly, <u>only past awardees from the NEA's FY17-FY20 grant cycles are eligible to submit an application to this mechanism</u>.

   (Note: ORSP is already in touch with our potential eligible group on this opportunity).

CUNY 2020 Research in the Classroom Grant Extended Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2020

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the application deadline, the timeframe of the workshop, and the applicable semesters have been changed. The new application deadline is Friday May 29, 2020. Please see the attached guidelines for additional information. More information is available at
http://www.cuny.edu/research/faculty-resources/internal-funding/research-in-the-classroom/

Guidance for Submitting Amendments to IRB Ideate Protocols to Adhere with CUNY COVID-19 Guidance for Research

Research Design>>Methodology>>As the first statement in the section, please include a statement that says that you will "avoid direct interaction with research participants (for recruitment, consenting, data collection and other) until CUNY Guidance regarding Human Subjects Research during the COVID-19 outbreak has been relaxed or removed." Then include a short description of any online, telephone, or video conferencing methods that will be employed while the CUNY COVID-19 Guidance for Research is in place. This can be done in lieu of revising large sections of already approved protocols to detail each and every change to the project. It will also reduce the need for investigators to submit another amendment to change their entire IRB protocol back to how it existed before the CUNY COVID-19 Guidance for Research was issued (once it has been removed and relaxed).

If you need to add an oral/internet consenting option, this should be done via the Consent tab in Ideate.

Please see https://www.cuny.edu/research/ for more information.

From Michael Brown, Assistant Director for Research Compliance

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Follow up on the Research Against COVID-19 Call to Action Webinar

Some of us have attended the Webinar on Research Against COVID-19 on Tuesday, April 7. Here is a follow up message from ASRC.

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for joining over 100 participants yesterday from 22 institutions and 15 companies during our [Research Against COVID-19 Call to Action Webinar](#). You can [watch the webinar](#) on our YouTube channel and [read more](#) about the event.

We'd like to remind you again that New York City needs your help! Please help us find 30,000 pieces of these pressure sensors to finalize the ventilator design desperately needed to treat afflicted patients: (1) Honeywell, [SSCDRRN100MDAA5](#) (preferred) or (2) Honeywell, [HSCDRNN100MDSA5](#).

Contact Tavis Ezell (tezell@gc.cuny.edu) to discuss how your research can be used to fight against and protect us from the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, please check out the resources that were mentioned during the webinar below and email us if you'd like to share anything else with our ASRC Sensor CAT community.

Stay safe,
ASRC Sensor CAT Team

[Sign up](#) to receive updates and events notifications from us (bottom of webpage)!

Sharing Resources From Scientists to Healthcare

Providing PPE to underserved healthcare workers and organizations in NYC:
[http://go.pardot.com/e/342661/2020-04-08/d211b/253717127?h=eVSxaz9DR4vgauF3S_ehzRp B3ldlDHWREjydmLfxOvM](#)

Getting PPE to our Healthcare Heroes:
[http://go.pardot.com/e/342661/2020-04-08/d211d/253717127?h=eVSxaz9DR4vgauF3S_ehzRp B3ldlDHWREjydmLfxOvM](#)

COVID-19 National Scientist Volunteer Database:
[http://go.pardot.com/e/342661/2020-04-08/d211g/253717127?h=eVSxaz9DR4vgauF3S_ehzRp B3ldlDHWREjydmLfxOvM](#)

New Funding Opportunities (some COVID-19 related)

Emergent Ventures: [Fast Grants](#)
NSF: [Rapid Response Research](#), [Dear Colleague Letter](#), [Dear Colleague Letter for SBIR/STTR](#)
NIH: [Administrative Supplements (quick additional funding)](#), [grants for PIs holding NIH research grants](#), [NIAID Coronavirus Funding Initiatives](#), more [general information](#), and
[https://grants.nih.gov/policy/natural-disasters/corona-virus/history-update.htm](#)
DOD: [Newton Award for Transformative Ideas during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
White House: [Call to Action to the Tech Community](#)

CDC: https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=320733

Opportunities in Arts, Culture, and Humanities
https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/media/2499/guidance-to-arts-and-culture-pis-on-covid-19.pdf

Grant Announcement Letter (GAL) GAL-MARCH 20.pdf

Weblinks related to COVID 19

NSF FAQs: https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20053/nsf20053.jsp#q9

NIH FAQs: https://www.nih.gov/health-information/coronavirus

CUNY official guidance for COVID 19: https://www.cuny.edu/coronavirus/

QC website for Key Updates and Resources related to COVD 19:

- https://www.qc.cuny.edu/StudentLife/services/health/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx

RF Guidance for PIs and Employees (added March 12, 2020)

RF has updated their coronavirus guidance for PIs and employees through RF. Please see

links below which also link to COGR Guidance that includes FAQs for NSF and NIH:

- https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/about/announcements/coronavirus-guidance/
- https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/learning-resources/covid-19-guidance/workplace-guidance-related-to-covid-19-for-field-staff/
- https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/learning-resources/covid-19-guidance/covid-19-event-guidance-and-faqs-for-cuny-pis/
- https://www.rfcuny.org/RFWebsite/learning-resources/covid-19-guidance/rfcuny-remote-work-guidelines-for-the-covid-19-event/

COVID-19 Resources for Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding

- Due to the potential exceptional impact of the declared public health emergency, we
  want to assure our recipient community that NIH will be doing our part to help you
  continue your research. See a video message from Dr. Mike Lauer discussing the
  flexibilities available for applicants and recipients. **Continue reading →**

[Guidance for NIH-Funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19](#)

- For details on expanded flexibilities, such as mid-project period extensions and administrative supplements for unanticipated costs, see **NOT-OD-20-087. Continue reading →**

NIH Late Application Policy, Administrative Flexibilities, and FAQs Related to 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- When delays occur because the applicant or recipient organization is officially closed or unable to submit grant applications due to the effects of COVID-19, the NIH will consider accepting applications late, on a case-by-case basis. **Continue reading →**

Flexibilities for Assured Institutions for Activities of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUCs) Due to COVID-19

- See NOT-OD-20-088 for flexibilities provided in the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Policy) that are applicable to implementing a pandemic plan for animal care and use programs. **Continue reading →**

Special OLAW Webinar on March 19: Pandemic Contingency Planning and Its Impact on Animal Care

- Are you testing or implementing your institution's pandemic response plan for the first time? Do you have questions about flexibilities provided by the PHS Policy that may be helpful during a pandemic? We are hosting a special webinar on March 19th to help your institution prepare for a pandemic that may impact the animal care and use program. **Continue reading →**

Flexibilities Available to Applicants and Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance Affected by COVID-19

- The purpose of this Notice is to alert the community of administrative flexibilities that will apply to NIH applicants and recipients.

Institutional and Agency Responses to COVID-19 and Additional Resources

- A collection of guidance from funding agencies and selected universities, compiled by the Council On Governmental Relations, a*n Association of Research Universities and Affiliated Medical Centers and Independent Research Institutes.*

Office of Human Research Protections (OHRP) issued "OHRP Guidance on COVID-19

- Guidance regarding how the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) human subjects protection regulations (45 CFR part 46) apply to actions taken by institutions and investigators in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Topics include: (i) Public Health and Clinical Activities; (ii) Excluded Public Health Surveillance Activities; (iii) Legally Required Reporting; (iv) Research Changes to Eliminate Apparent Immediate Hazards; (v) Proposing and Reviewing Study Changes; and, (vi) Whether Suspensions of Research Must be Reported.