

RESEARCH REPORT

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ORSP: Here for you through COVID-19 and beyond

Whether you're new to campus or you've been around the research block, whether you're looking to transfer previous research to DU or secure new internal or external grant funding, the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is here to assist you every step of the way. ORSP can support you in many ways, from identifying funding opportunities, to providing assistance in submitting new or transferring human subject, animal, or biosafety research protocols, to project and fiscal administration, to analysis, to intellectual property, and more.

CHECK IT OUT

GRANT PODCAST

Podcast: All About Grants, "[Am I Doing Human Subjects' Research?](#)" (13 min listen)

NIH staff members discuss the ins and outs of NIH funding. Designed for investigators, fellows, students, research administrators, and others just curious about the application and award process, it provides insights on grant topics from those who live and breathe the information.

PAPPG (NSF 20-1) UPDATE

Effective October 5, 2020, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will begin enforcing the [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide](#) (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1) requirement to use NSF-approved formats for the preparation of the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support proposal documents. The NSF-approved formats are [SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) and an NSF fillable PDF. All other PAPPG (NSF 20-1) changes were effective on June 1, 2020. More information on these changes can be found [here](#).

The National Science Foundation also announced the issuance of a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on proposal preparation and award administration related to the NSF PAPPG (NSF 20-1). Read more [here](#).

PD ROLLOUT

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs has been working diligently to roll out the eRA (InfoEd) Proposal Development (PD) module to your division. ORSP has also made some changes to the training protocol for the PD Module implementation based on feedback from the first set of participants.

The new training methodology is tailored to provide more comprehensive one-on-one trainings with PIs for their upcoming proposals. For PIs who don't have upcoming proposals on their calendars, ORSP grant and contract administrators will schedule an eRA Proposal Kickoff Meeting with the PI and Department Administrator when we receive 10+ business days' notice of intent to submit. Each Friday during the training period, ORSP will continue to hold open Q&A sessions via Zoom from 10:00-11:00 am.

For more information on proposed dates, access to Zoom Q&As, and recorded training sessions, please check out our website. We also have recorded training sessions posted in eRA and on our [website](#).

To schedule a one-on-one training session, please contact your grant and contract administrator or email us at orsp@du.edu.

PAM: IN DEPTH REVIEWS ASSIST IN CONFIRMING BEST PRACTICES

With research expenditures and Institutional Review Board (IRB) submissions growing each year at DU, The Office of Research Integrity and Education (ORIE) continues to seek out innovative approaches to educate and be active partners with our research community. As part of the new Research Compliance and Education Program (RCEP), post-approval monitoring (PAM) has been implemented by our office to work with Principal Investigators (PIs) to review their IRB-approved research projects.

Through a random selection process, PIs are selected to work one-on-one with the Research Compliance Monitor to perform in-depth reviews of their study and to ensure accurate and consistent protocol performance. Faculty investigators who have gone through the PAM process have found it to be valuable for confirming they are employing best practices when it comes to conducting their important research. As one researcher noted:

"As a participant in the PAM program I learned a lot about the relative strengths and weaknesses of my data, protocol, and records management. The entire process was approached as a learning opportunity. Ashleigh was supportive and offered guidance through the process. Along the way, I was introduced to new skills and approaches that I believe made me a more conscientious investigator."

At the conclusion of the PAM process, a report is generated and shared with the participating PI, allowing them to review the final report before it is distributed to their Dean and Chair. This report is not shared with the members of the IRB, unless a significant problem is identified and requires IRB oversight.

If you have any questions about the RCEP, you may contact Ashleigh Ruehrdanz, Research Compliance Monitor, at ashleigh.ruehrdanz@du.edu.

EFFORT CERTIFICATION



WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW

ORSP wants to give a quick reminder to all grant-funded employees to approve your effort certification. Effort certification is how much time (in %) was spent on a given professional activity. Effort certification is the process by which an employee certifies their effort is accurate. Faculty employees certify their effort quarterly. Staff, including GRAs, Post-Docs, Research Assistants, certify their effort monthly.

If you want more specific information, please [click here](#) to go to the ORSP website where you will find additional effort certification documentation or contact windsor.wall@du.edu.



NEW ANNOTATED FORM SETS: FORMS-F SERIES

As you prepare your NIH grant application, keep these [annotated form sets handy](#) for key tips on filling out each section. These documents are a great visual resource for understanding many of the business rule checks we will run against your submitted application. Of course, you **MUST** follow the instructions in your funding opportunity announcement and application guide, but these documents are helpful for those times when you just need a quick reference.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Are you planning to publish a manuscript? **STOP**. Did you know that by publishing the manuscript, you might be robbing yourself of a patent?

PATENT FIRST; PUBLISH LATER

Under U.S. and international law, in order to obtain a patent, an inventor must claim a novel invention – in other words, something that has not yet been disclosed to the public. Public disclosure of an invention before the filing of a patent application means the invention lacks novelty and cannot be patented.

US & INTERNATIONAL LAW

Fortunately, the U.S. has a one-year grace period in which an application may be filed after an inventor's disclosure. However, the same is not true for many foreign countries. In fact, most international patent rights cease at the moment of disclosure. Thus, the publication of a manuscript may result in the loss of all international patent rights and set off the one-year clock for U.S. patent rights.

PROTECT YOURSELF

To prevent this from happening, email a copy of your manuscript to University of Denver's Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer at TechTransfer@du.edu at least 30 days before submitting the manuscript to your publisher. The office will review your manuscript, determine if you have a patentable invention, and prevent you from losing valuable intellectual property rights.

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