Questions and Answers
from our September 2020 MRAM Meeting

Greetings Colleagues,

Our September 2020 MRAM materials are published. Questions and Answers from this session are included for reference. We look forward to "seeing" you at our next online meeting, Thursday, October 15th 9am-10am.

Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs

Question: Are these terms and conditions only for DoE awards or other federal grants as well? Does this apply to grad students/postdocs (from the T4 countries)?

Answer: So far, we're only aware of DoE awards being subjected to this T&C. There may be others. I believe the T4 condition does apply to graduate students and postdocs as well as faculty and staff.

Q: Does the UW Export Control officer need to review all projects with foreign national participation?

A: Responding to Question D-3 in the Non-fiscal compliance section of the eGC1 provides reviewers awareness for projects in which there will be any publication or foreign national restrictions. If D-3 is answered yes, or restrictions are identified in the award terms, then the UW Export Control officer will be looped in.

If there aren't any restrictions, the research results will qualify for the "fundamental research" exclusion of export control regulations.

Some of the other Non-fiscal compliance questions on the eGC1 also help us understand if there are export control concerns we may need to be aware of. Please review more information on the Office of Research Export Controls web page.

Updated Guidance: Current and Pending or Other Support + a Foreign Components Reminder

Q: Can you define "in-kind resources"

A: In-kind resources are non-monetary support such as office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, and personnel.

Q: Can you clarify if NIH other support should include the total cost of the award/all years or the current year direct cost only?
NOT-OD-19-114 states: 4. Provide the total award amount for the entire award period covered (including facilities and administrative costs), as well as the number of person-months (or partial person-months) per year to be devoted to the project by the senior/key personnel involved. However, most OS pages continue to list current year direct costs.

A: We realize NIH's guidance in NOT-OD-19-114 and Other Support is a little inconsistent. We are hoping NIH will clear this up soon. In the meantime, we recommend campus follow guidance within NOT-OD-19-114.

Updated Guidance: Personnel Roles on a Project

Q: Are you going to add "Co-PI" as a Role Type on the PI, Personnel, & Organizations page of the eGC1, since that is a role type used by NSF (and probably others).

A: There are no plans to add "Co-PI" as a Role Type in SAGE because it's a sponsor-specific term. The Role Types in SAGE drive different routing, task, and notification behaviors. If you have a Co-PI for an NSF grant, we suggest using the Multiple PI role which will trigger similar system behaviors as those for the Principal Investigator role or the Co-Investigator (if there is not a need for the Co-PI to make the same certifications as the PI).

Thank you,
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