DGA Quarterly Meeting

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 15, 2020 (Zoom Conference Meeting)

**SPS Pre-award Updates:**

1. **Quick Reference Card (QRC) and SPS Budget Templates: (Patti)**

The QRC, the SPS Excel Budget Templates, and the EPCS Budget Module were updated on Friday, September 4th:

1. The links to BRP’s website were updated on the EClass OPE Rates Tab of the SPS Budget Templates
2. The Non-personnel COLA was updated to 2.4% on the QRC and the SPS Budget Templates.
3. The Dates were updated for under the Student Wages section of the QRC to display the effective dates of 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2021.
4. The 2020-2021 Academic Year GE Insurance rate was updated on the QRC and the SPS Budget Templates to $1,850 per AY Term for FY21 per information received from the Graduate School. The annual percent increase for 2020-2021 Academic Year GE Insurance was updated to 8.9%. The Summer 2021 rate is still pending receipt from the Graduate School.

Here is a reminder to avoid saving copies of the QRC and the SPS Excel Budget Templates for re-using as references for assembling proposal budgets. Please always download and use the current versions of the QRC and the SPS Excel Budget Templates references for assembling proposal budgets.

1. **EPCS Proposal Preparation – Reminder regarding Letters of Commitment: (Patti)**
2. If your proposal will need a Letter of Commitment signed by your SPS Sponsored Projects Administrator (SPA), please ensure your SPA has the addressee information to whom the letter is to be addressed to, the final project title, and the final total amount of the proposed project. The addressee information can be listed under the Proposal Tab of the EPCS record in the “Sponsor Delivery Address” notes field. The associated EPCS record should be finalized prior to your SPS SPA providing the signed Letter of Commitment.
3. **Agency Updates**

**The National Science Foundation (NSF) updates: (Patti)**

1. Effective October 5, 2020, the National Science Foundation (NSF) will begin enforcing the [*Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide*](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf20001&org=NSF__;!!C5qS4YX3!R2NoHfddLAg82drErQhvEnCD9KQSeyIDT4aLpCDg1Cy9Yj4Jm2Oka0lWrDmTUWryQWJ9_CcZAw$) (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1) requirement to use NSF-approved formats for the preparation of the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support proposal documents. The NSF-approved formats are [SciENcv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/__;!!C5qS4YX3!R2NoHfddLAg82drErQhvEnCD9KQSeyIDT4aLpCDg1Cy9Yj4Jm2Oka0lWrDmTUWryQWLRedXmaQ$) and an NSF fillable PDF.
2. NSF has issued a set of [Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on proposal preparation and award administration](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/papp/pappg20_1/faqs20_1.pdf__;!!C5qS4YX3!TKs2mM9Xb2qusYHsX6_Z6TI6gKuRfHipYtozdBm3tdD2bhjBR1UYlYQRVtK8RNxIGhJrsXR_Bg$) related to NSF [*Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) (NSF 20-1)](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf20001&org=NSF__;!!C5qS4YX3!TKs2mM9Xb2qusYHsX6_Z6TI6gKuRfHipYtozdBm3tdD2bhjBR1UYlYQRVtK8RNxIGhI9a9ExtA$). Some of the topics addressed in the FAQs include conference proposals, cost sharing, deadline dates, indirect costs, international activities/considerations and participant support.
3. Here is a reminder Sponsored Projects Services generally still recommends the use FastLane rather than Research.gov for submission of proposals. This is because of electronic glitches which have occurred with the use of Research.gov for proposal submission over the last several months. However, this is only a recommendation, not a requirement. Research.gov can be used for NSF proposal submissions as needed.

**The National Institutes of Health (NIH) updates: (Ashley)**

1. A Fall 2020 NIH Virtual Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration is scheduled for October 27th through October 30th. Registration is free. Check the NIH webpage for “NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration for more information: <https://grants.nih.gov/news/contact-in-person/seminars.htm>
2. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/natural-disasters/corona-virus.htm>
3. Funding Opportunities Specific to COVID-19 <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/COVID-Related.cfm>
4. Not-OD-20-122 Guidance for Applicants Preparing Applications for the Fall 2020 Due Dates During the COVID-19 Pandemic <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-122.html>
5. NOT-OD-20-158 Temporary Extension of Eligibility for the NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award During the COVID-19 Pandemic [https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-158.html](%20https:/grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-158.html)
6. NOT-OD-20-163 Extending the Special Exception to the NIH/AHRQ/NIOSH Post-Submission Material Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-163.html>
7. NOT-OD-20-155 Upcoming Changes to Notice of Award coming October 1, 2020 <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-155.html>