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Alerts:

REVISED PHS 2590 – POLICY CHANGES IMPLEMENTED

“The newly revised “Continuation Progress Reports for DHHS Public Health Service Grant” (PHS 2590, rev. 09/09) instructions and forms are now available and will be accepted immediately for all progress reports and are required for all annual progress reports due on or after October 1, 2009.”

NSF POSTS REVISED POLICY AND PROCEDURES GUIDE

“Per Notice 10-1, the NSF revised its Proposal & Award Policies Procedures Guide.”

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NIH Implements Policy Changes - Revised PHS 2590

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has revised its PHS 2590 Policy as indicated in Notice Number [NOT-OD-09-139](#) dated August 28, 2009. You may find a copy of the newly revised instruction forms on the [NIH website](#) or on the [GCA website](#), under NIH Forms.

Significant Policy Changes include:

- **New All Personnel Report:** Replacement of the Senior/Key Personnel Report with an All Personnel Report (Form Page 7) that collects information on all personnel who participate in the project for at least one person month or more. The All Personnel Report also implements a new NIH requirement that all individuals with a postdoctoral role with one person month or more of measurable effort must have an eRA Commons user ID (see NIH Guide [Notice OD-09-140](#) for details and background on this new requirement).
- **New Assurance for Institutions Receiving Awards for Training of Graduate Students for Doctoral Degrees:** For institutions receiving NIH awards for graduate training through certain Institutional training grants, a new Graduate Student Assurance, required by the NIH Reform Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-482) is now included. In addition, for annual progress reports for Institutional training grants Table 12A is modified to collect data related to the Graduate Student Assurance. More details on this new institutional assurance are described in NIH Guide [Notice OD-09-141](#).
- **Inclusion of Changes to Innovative Potential:** As part of the NIH Enhancing Peer Review Initiative, PD/PIs are asked, if applicable, to address any changes to the innovative potential of the project. This information is now part of the Progress Report Summary, Section B. Studies and Results.
- **Changes to the Biographical Sketch:** Another change associated with the peer review initiative is the addition of a Personal Statement to the biographical sketch. The statement is for the senior/key personnel to address why their experience and qualifications make them particularly well-suited for their role on the project. Instructions for the biographical sketch also encourage applicants to limit the list of publications to no more than 15. *Reminder: A new biosketch is only required as part of the progress report for new senior/key personnel since the previous submission.*
- **Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs):** A new item is added to the Progress Report Summary, under D. Plans, as Item E. Human Embryonic Stem Cell Line(s) Used, for grantees to note if proposed research involving hESCs is different from that proposed in the previous submission, including use of a different cell line (Form Page 5).

NSF Posts Revised Policy and Procedures Guide

Per [NSF 10-1](#), the National Science Foundation (NSF) revised its *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide*. This revised guide is effective for proposals submitted on or after Jan. 4, 2010.

Significant Changes in the 2010 revision include:

- The inclusion of the mentoring requirement of the America COMPETES Act. A proposal requesting funding to support post-doc researchers must include a description of the mentoring activities that will be provided for these individuals.
- "Within 90 days following expiration of the grant, a project outcomes report for the general public must be submitted electronically via Research.gov." NSF cautions that the April 2009 version of the *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* ([NSF 09-29](#)) remains in effect through Jan. 3, 2010.