Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Update

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Purview of ORSP

- Grants - Pre-award; non-financial post-award
- IACUC – animal use as well as research
- IRB – social/behavioral (IRB Advisor)
- Federal financial conflict of interest (upcoming)
ORSP is a service provider

- Balance service with fiduciary role
- Mediate the grants process
- Infrastructure
ORSP staff have expertise and knowledge

- MBA, JD, MS, MA
- Grant/negotiation experience from NYU, Columbia, Rockefeller, Chapel Hill, Brown, UMN, U of GA, Rutgers grant-intensive dept, 2 RWJ IRB
- Credentials: CRA, CIM
- Caseload distribution; proposal volume, complexity, personalities
What ORSP Does:
Selected activities re grants

- Advises PI’s and reviews proposals for everything except narrative
- Submission of electronic grants
- Negotiation of subawards, teaming agreements, master agreements with task orders, etc
- Trigger account set-up with details
- No-cost extensions that require signature
- Reports to VPR
What DGCA Does: Selected Activities

- Post-award financial matters
- Account set-up and close-out
- Financial reporting to sponsors; expenditures
- Effort – will feds switch to payroll cert?
- Cost analysis and F&A rate negotiation
- No-cost extensions that do not require signature (therefore most NCE)
- Invoicing
- Reports to Controller => SrVP Finance/Adm
Offices/Topics

- Graduate School – Tuition
- DGCA – Fringe rates
- Purchasing – Questions on procurement cards
- ORSP/DGCA – Pre-award accounts
- Office of Proposal Development – Resources for seeking funding
- Ofc Tech Commercialization – corporate agree.
ORSP Partners with Faculty and Staff to Submit Proposals – First Steps....

- Each academic unit is assigned a Grants Specialist [http://orsp.rutgers.edu](http://orsp.rutgers.edu) & select About US

- Decision to apply? First, notify GS! Provide link to program announcement. *Will the submission be electronic? Any unusual requirements? CS? Grant, contract, or cooperative agreement?* GS will scrutinize the rules of submission and emphasize key info to PI
Next Steps

- PI + Dept Admin develop the budget, consulting with the GS regarding allowable costs and F&A.
- Note: Excel budget templates on website http://orsp.rutgers.edu/ under Grant-Related Forms
- Note: GS is liaison with sponsor to clarify terms and conditions of proposal – expertise to ask the right questions.
Next steps

- GS assists PI in connecting with appropriate regulatory contact.
- GS can distinguish for PI between institutional and proposal-specific information – *Quick Facts Sheet* at website under Quick Links.
- Administrative pre-review by GS if proposal is in ORSP a week before it has to be at sponsor. Includes anything outside the scientific or technical narrative.
Final Steps

- GS provide expert advice on federal, state, sponsor, Rutgers regulations; guidance on issues, eg. Cost-sharing
- Endorsement form (critical at award time)
- GS submits the electronic proposal to sponsor, after PI has sent proposal to the Proposal Delivery System (PDS), which is an ORSP “drop box”. (S2S - stay tuned…)
Alphabet Soup

- grants.gov
- e-handbook
- CDMRP
- EDA
- FastLane
- FedConnect
- eRA Commons
- NSPIRES
- TeamWeb
- Research.gov
- CIMS
- DTRASubmission
- Egrants
- STSCI
- GrantsOnline
- Blue Sage
- Green Sage
- Proposal Central
- American Heart Assoc.
- US DOEnergy
- US DOEEd
- EWEG
To avoid electronic bottlenecks:

- Read the instructions
- Don’t submit at 4:30 for 5pm deadline.
- Grants.gov punts to sponsor to determine what “late” means.
Random Points

- Think “partnership”. ORSP understands it’s about scholarship more than money.
- ORSP = infrastructure
- ORSP has a liaison role in and outside Rutgers.
- Read the instructions (re NSF and NIH proposals returned without review)
In the Pipeline:

- Electronic endorsement forms
- eIRB
- Cayuse (system-to-system submission)
- Promoting research objectivity (FCOI)
- Merger
Electronic endorsement forms

- Currently electronic routing of paper
- Intent to build databases in Coeus
- New Fields eg profiles for Co-PI’s and Co-I’s
- Numbers of grad students and postdocs
- Keywords to allow searches
- Subcategories under org research; K-12, undergrad, graduate
Electronic EF benefits:

- Track success rates by PI, school, dept, center
- PI appt. will be tracked as well as dept where proposal originates; to permit reports on activity and support allocation of F&A
- Report on collaborative mechanisms
- Report on competitive segment not just yr.
- Reduction in paper
eIRB

- Generic concept and a brand
- For electronic submission and review
- For office mgmt, for reporting/analysis
- Browser-based; PC and MAC compatible
- Error checking and reporting
- Customizable for Rutgers
- Interfaces with CITI online training
- Convenient for merger
S2S to grants.gov

- Cayuse
- Training session at SEBS workshop
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- 98 submissions thus far; $127M
- Feature: system automatically repeats until appl is submitted.
- Plant Biology and Chem biggest users, followed by Pharmacy
Promoting Research Objectivity

- New federal regulations re financial conflict of interest (FCOI); implementation before August 24, 2012
- Hiring Asst Director for Regulatory Affairs; IRB and FCOI
- Senator Grassley
PRO continued:

- University partnerships with industry enrich knowledge, teaching and research => UIDP
- Procedures will involve the disclosure (defined) of significant financial interests (defined) to the institution.
- Potential conflicts will be reduced, managed, mitigated by a faculty committee.
- Disclosure ≠ conflict ≠ bias ≠ misconduct
Merger

- ORSP requested 30 add’l positions
- Add’l GS but also a layer of grant coordinators – Minnesota model
- More professional and junior staff to support IRB and IACUC. Outreach/training staff for grants and IRB.
- Dedicated data and IT staff