A Bitter Pill to Swallow: NIH Policy Updates

NIH implemented new changes effective for proposals with a due date on or after January 25, 2016. Click on the links below to learn more about the policies, and contact DOM ORA with any questions! If you haven’t already, please send these updates to your PIs.

- **New SF 424 Application Guide**: [NOT-OD-16-004](#)
- **Vertebrate Animals**: [NOT-OD-16-006](#)
  
  Updated criteria to be addressed and certain sections eliminated in Vertebrate Animal section

- **Change in Definition of Children**: [NOT-OD-16-010](#)
  
  Age of child has been redefined to individuals under 18 years of age instead of 21 years of age

- **Rigor and Transparency in Research**: [NOT-OD-16-011](#)
  
  Purpose: Enhance reproducibility of research findings, which includes the new **Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources** and updates for preparing research strategy attachment.

- **Transition to New Research Training Table Formats**: [NOT-OD-16-007](#)
  
  New training data table formats

Increase in NIH Salary Cap

The new NIH salary cap is $185,100, effective January 10, 2016. All new and competing NIH applications should reflect this new cap. The S2S Grants system has already been updated. For more information regarding this change, please review [NOT-OD-16-045](#).

Prescription for a Successful NIH Close Out

You've heard it before: close out begins the day the contract or grant is awarded! Keep this in mind when you receive the first transfer of funds. Remember to be proactive about monthly reconciliations and processing of cost transfers. When it’s time to prepare the close out packet, you’ll find the process much smoother. Talk to your PIs and notify them about the teams’ responsibilities.

1) **Final FFR** — COP to EFM, and then EFM will upload to the eRA Commons.
2) **Final Invention Statement** — PI completes in eRA Commons. Email to OCGA once complete, and OCGA will confirm with OIP. OCGA submits.
3) **Final Scientific Progress Report** — PI completes and then uploads to eRA Commons and submits.

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