In March 2016, NIH announced several new parent announcements and changes implemented with the FORMS-D application forms and instructions that are in effect for due dates on or after May 25, 2016. The NIH SF424 RR Instructions are now filtered, so you can easily access different series instructions (e.g., R’s, K’s, T’s, F’s, etc.). Be sure to read the general guidelines first, then check out the supplemental instructions for the specific funding type.

### New Parent Announcements

- **R01**: PA-16-160
- **R03**: PA-16-162
- **R21**: PA-16-161

For all other new parent announcements, click here.

### New Font Guidelines

- **Font size**: MUST be 11 points or larger (smaller text in figures, graphs, diagrams, and charts is acceptable as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%)
- **Text color**: MUST be black (color text in figures, graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, footnotes, and headings is acceptable as long as it is legible)

### PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement

- **New Vertebrate Animals Section Added to the Cover Page Supplement Form**

Pls must answer “yes/no” to whether animals are euthanized. If they answer “yes,” then they must state “yes/no” whether the method is consistent with AVMA guidelines. Pls must describe the method and provide scientific justification if the method is not consistent with AVMA guidelines.

### Biosketch Clarifications

Highlights include:

- A publication list URL is optional and, if provided, must be to a government website (.gov) like My Bibliography.
- Publications (peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed) and research products can be cited in both the “Personal Statement” and the “Contributions to Science” sections.
- Graphics, figures, and tables are not allowed.

### Changes to K Series

- **R&R Other Project Information Form**

A list of referees is no longer required as an Other Attachment. This information is only required in the cover letter attachment. Please note: reference letters will continue to be submitted through eRA Commons.

- **R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Form**

Mentors must provide a Commons username for Career applications.