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IMPORTANT PROPOSAL AND AWARD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

- If you see reference to **Uniform Guidance (UG)**, please keep in mind that the federal government is merging various Office of Management & Budget directives that affect federal agencies in similar but not identical ways. Areas affected by this new guidance include: Subrecipient Monitoring, Subawards, Closeouts, Cost Sharing, Computing Devices, Visa Costs, Administrative & Clerical Salaries, Internal Control, Procurement and Principals Investigators Disengagement.
- New York State is enforcing **MWBE – Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise** – requirements. If you see them in grant applications, please take them very seriously. Basically, it means you have to commit to purchasing possibly as much as 30% of your supplies budget from minority or women-owned vendors. CUNY is providing advice on dealing with these regulations.

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WHY THIS ALERT?

This publication has been created to serve the purpose of informing researchers of new information, trends and concerns as they occur.



AWARD MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

- Long-time PIs will remember that decades ago we were not allowed to purchase equipment in the last six months of an NSF grant. This practice is being resurrected in a big way – federal auditors are now reviewing dates when supplies are purchased, and arbitrarily deciding that the PI cannot possibly have used all the supplies purchased during the last three months of a grant. So a word to the wise: spend your OTPS money during the first six to nine months of your final grant year.
- The Research Foundation is now processing more than 90% of its OTPS payments electronically. If you are not yet doing so and need some advice on how to process electronic payment requests and travel forms please consult Annmarie Rivera or Krystal Santiago in Research Administration (212 772-4020).
- The Research Foundation has promulgated new rules that make it virtually impossible for a grant to hire and pay directly anyone who is full-time on the CUNY payroll.

With regard to faculty, multiple positions regulations are tighter than ever – unless a full-time faculty member is on sabbatical/fellowship leave, a full-timer should never be on the Research Foundation as a direct hire.

Remember

The Office of Research Administration will provide more information about Uniform Guidance in workshops and other publications.