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 Washington University in St. Louis

NIH/AHRQ/NIOSH Grant Application Reminders and COVID-19 Updates

NIH SF424 (R&R) Application Form Instructions (FORMS-G)

As [previously announced](#), NIH's Forms-F application package is being replaced by the new FORMS-G application package, effective for deadlines on or after January 25, 2022.

Key Changes

- Required use of the updated Biographical Sketch and Other Support format pages
- All Senior/Key personnel listed on the R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) form will be required to have a **valid** eRA Commons username (Commons ID).
 - **Important:** *This includes WashU and non-WashU employees. Please reach out to your key personnel (individuals or their institutions) ASAP to ensure you have their valid eRA Commons usernames.*
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) replacing the DUNS
 - WashU's UEI is L6NFUM28LQM5.
 - **Important:** *UEI is a required field for all proposed outgoing subrecipients (domestic and foreign), including lead institutions on Multi-Project Grants.*

- **If the Subaward Entity, or lead site on a multi-project grant does not have a UEI, they need to go to SAM.gov to obtain a UEI.**
- UEI is a required field on the performance sites and budget pages.
- For S2S applications, if the UEI does not pull into the record, it will need to be added manually.
- Log in to SAM.gov with your login.gov user name and password to view entity registrations (e.g. Harvard) and find the UEI. Also, tell your [Grant Analyst](#) and we will update the subaward entity database, so that the UEI will pull in on future applications.

Applicability

- FORMS-G are required for **due dates on or after** January 25, 2022.
- FORMS-F are required for **due dates on or before** January 24, 2022.
- For a transition period, both FORMS-F and FORMS-G application packages will be active. Applicants must choose the appropriate application package for their due date when presented with both FORMS-F and FORMS-G application packages on the same FOA.
 - This will be the case for using RMS/S2S, ASSIST and Workspace.

See [High-level Summary of Form Changes in FORMS-G Application Packages](#) for a full list of form changes.

Application guides for FORMS-G application packages are posted on the [How to Apply - Application Guide page](#).

COVID-19 Related Information

[NIH, AHRQ, and NIOSH extend the special exception for post-submission material to applications submitted for the August/October 2022 Council rounds.](#)

- For applications submitted for the August/October 2022 Council rounds (beginning with applications submitted for the January 25, 2022 due date), the NIH, AHRQ, and NIOSH will accept a one-page update with preliminary data as post-submission materials for applications submitted under all activity codes, **ONLY** if the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) used for

submission allowed preliminary data in the application. One page of preliminary data will be accepted for single component applications or for each component of a multi-component application.

- The deadline for submitting all post-submission materials, including preliminary data, will be 30 days before the study section meeting, unless specified otherwise in the FOA. Because applications for emergency competitive revisions and urgent competitive revisions undergo expedited review, post-submission materials will not be accepted for those applications.
- All other materials listed in [NOT-OD-19-083](#) as acceptable post-submission materials will continue to be accepted if submitted 30 days before the study section meeting. Instructions for submission are included in [NOT-OD-19-083](#).

[NIH extends the guidance provided earlier \(NOT-OD-21-180\) for applicants preparing applications for the August/October 2022 Council round, beginning with the January 25, 2022 due date.](#)

- Reviewers will continue to receive instructions to assume that constraints arising from the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., lab occupancy restrictions, declines in patient accrual, etc.) will be resolved during the project period and thus should not affect their scores.
- Therefore, NIH grant applications should NOT include contingency or recovery plans for problems resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. However, applicants may address effects due to the pandemic on productivity or other scoreable issues in their Personal Statement in the NIH Biosketch. Reviewers will be instructed to take these pandemic-related circumstances into account when assessing applicants' productivity and other score-driving factors.
- If needed, NIH staff will request and assess plans to resolve specific problems arising from the COVID-19 pandemic prior to funding.

Please share this information with all faculty and staff who may need this information.

If you have any questions, please contact the [Office of Sponsored Research Services](#).