OSR has a dedicated contracting group, the Contract Liaisons, who are here to help with your industry-funded agreements. They negotiate with the companies on your and UNC’s behalf to make sure your rights are protected. In addition to Sponsored Research and Service Agreements that route through the RAMSES proposal system, they are in charge of University Data Use Agreements (DUA) and Confidentiality Agreements (CDA) when you want to engage with a company or other entity to discuss potential collaboration or sponsored project.

Their webpage is currently being updated, but you can find DUA guidance and a link to their email box, OSR-CL@unc.edu

When submitting a new agreement request, you will be required to fill out a brief, one page review form in order for them to process your agreement in a timely manner. The team of two currently completes approximately 50 agreements a month, and this form helps ensure your agreement is finalized efficiently.

NIH CHANGES

Updated Grant Application Forms (FORMS-C) for SBIR/STTR Funding Opportunities are now available on the grants.nih.gov website.

In April, NIH and AHRQ have changed their policy on application submissions in the NIH Guide. For all application due dates after April 16, 2014:

- Following an unsuccessful resubmission (A1) application, applicants may submit the same idea as a new (A0) application for the next appropriate due date.

- The NIH and AHRQ will not assess the similarity of the science in the new (A0) application to any previously reviewed submission when accepting an application for review.

- Although a new (A0) application does not allow an introduction or responses to the previous reviews, the NIH and AHRQ encourage applicants to refine and strengthen all application submissions.

PRE-AWARD NEWS

To better serve the campus community, the Pre-Award staff will be transitioning to a department-based service, more in line with what you are familiar with in Post-Award. The team has been working hard to make sure you continue to receive the best assistance possible with your grant submissions.

REGULATION UPDATES

Due to the upcoming changes with the OMB Circulars, the Tar Heel Certificate Program for Research Administration will be delayed in order to address these additions. Notices will be sent out when the next session is to be scheduled.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

If your department is interested in having a training or Q&A session with a team member from OSR on grants, an individual agency, or on industry and contracts, please send an email detailing the topic to resadminosr@unc.edu and we will work to arrange a time that is most beneficial for you.