OMB Super Circular: Uniform Guidance

Existing federal awards will continue to be governed by the terms and conditions under which they were awarded.

Subpart F, Audit Requirements, will apply to audits of non-Federal entity fiscal years beginning on or after December 26, 2014 (or the first fiscal year that begins after December 26, 2014).

For more information, please visit http://research.unc.edu/files/2014/08/THE-Super-Circular.pdf

There is a training session scheduled for Wednesday, November 19 from 12:00-5:00 PM at the Friday Center during our 1st Quarterly Forum.

Special points of interest:
- Uniform Guidance training
- OSR Quarterly Forum
- Space Survey
- Getting to know our new Directors

OSR Quarterly Forum

The Office of Sponsored Research is pleased to announce that we will be hosting quarterly forums for the research community. The first forum in the series will provide an opportunity to learn about the upcoming changes to the guidelines for federally sponsored programs laid out in the new Uniform Guidance. Following the presentation, additional updates will be provided by the OSR Directors and there will be a time for networking with colleagues over light refreshments.

Advance Registration is required.

Location: The Friday Center, Gruman Auditorium
Date: November 19th
Time: 1:00-4:00PM

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Upcoming Events
November 17 - Deadline for NIH Loan Repayment applications
November 19 - Uniform Guidance training OSR Quarterly forum
November 24 - NIH LRP forms due to OSR
In August, OSR began the process to develop the FY2014 Facilities and Administrative (F&A) rate proposal that will become the basis for negotiating UNC-CH’s next F&A cost rates with the Federal Government for FY2017 and beyond. The F&A Organized Research rate (currently 52%) is applied to UNC-CH’s organized sponsored research expenditures and provides us with the potential to collect $150-200 million a year for our support of sponsored research.

As part of the F&A rate development process the OSR-Cost Analysis group contacted departments with a high level of sponsored research activity to perform the room use space survey. The data collection portion of the space survey is nearly complete. We are now analyzing the results and meeting with each participating department to address our questions/concerns. Thank you to everyone who participated in the space survey process. As we continue with the F&A rate development OSR-Cost Analysis may request additional information from your department. We will contact you with the specifics, if necessary.

If you have any questions about the F&A space survey process please contact Brian Bertlshofer, Director, Cost Analysis at bertlsbj@email.unc.edu or at the email address for the FY2014 space survey efacSupport@unc.edu.

Five Questions - Laurie Henry

1) How long have you worked in Research Administration?
   I have worked in Research Administration for over 20 years and I’ve been at UNC for a little over 4 months.

2) What is your favorite part of Research Administration?
   Helping young faculty members receive their first grant and seeing their excitement.

3) If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?
   The ability to leap tall buildings in a single bound, because no obstacle would be insurmountable.

4) If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
   I would go back to Venice, Italy

5) What is your favorite pastime?
   I would have to say relaxing with a good book.

FY2014 F&A Rate Proposal and Space Survey

Five Questions - Sharon Brooks

1) How long have you worked in Research Administration?
   I have worked in Research Administration for almost 20 years and I’ve been at UNC for a little over a month.

2) What is your favorite part of Research Administration?
   I enjoy assisting faculty and support personnel in meeting sponsor expectations. Meeting expectations in a timely and compliant manner will help to ensure that the UNC research portfolio will continue to thrive in a very competitive funding environment.

3) If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?
   ‘Batman’...he really doesn’t have superpowers per se, but relies on intelligence, partners and the right tools to get the job done.

4) If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
   I would like to go to Sweden.
NEW Job Aid - Subaward Indirect Cost Calculator

Calculating indirect costs (IDC/F&A) on subawardee invoices can be tricky and time consuming! Please use the 'Subaward IDC Calculator'. This new job aid is located on the OSR website at http://research.unc.edu/files/2014/10/Subaward-IDC-Calculator.xls.

This calculator is designed to track multiple invoices (for at least 10 subawards) per Project ID in the proper assignment (charging) of indirect costs. The most common manner of calculating indirect costs is on a 'modified total direct' basis (MTDC) on the first $25,000 of each sub agreement. This calculator (upon your entry of the sub's invoice total) will differentiate the account to which the cost should be charged over time and as the cumulative invoiced dollars reach $25,000 (569461) and over (569486).

Use of the calculator is not necessary when:
1) the total subaward value is less than $25,000 OR,
2) the subaward is based on total direct costs (TDC) instead of MTDC as discussed above

For questions about the tool, please contact Justo Torres (justo@email.unc.edu) or Sharon Brooks (sharon_brooks@unc.edu)

Training Updates

On July 31, staff from OSR and other research support offices held a one day symposium for over 180 research administrators on campus. The trainings covered a range of topics explaining the rules, regulations and procedures of successful grants and contract administration. Those invited to attend had completed the Tar Heel Certificate Program.

Presentations are available online: http://research.unc.edu/offices/sponsored-research/training/symposium-for-research-administrators/

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 scheduled.

In August, a team from OSR completed the Ice Bucket Challenge to raise awareness and funds, over $200, for ALS research. OSR challenged other offices on campus and in the local research community, with UNC Pediatrics accepting the challenge.