As of December 26, 2014, updated Federal regulations for the management of grants and cooperative agreements, entitled 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 200, went into effect. So what does this mean and how will the new regulations be implemented by the Office of Sponsored Research (OSR)?

The Uniform Guidance was implemented to streamline, combine and reduce conflicting and redundant guidance impacting many types of recipients of Federal grants and cooperative agreements. This guidance now includes regulations from 8 different Federal circulars, including 3 circulars that have had a direct impact on our governance of federal funds:

A-21: Cost Principles for Educational Institutions
A-110: Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education
A-133: Audits of State, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations

Implementation:

1) All NEW federal (and federal-flow down) grants and cooperative agreements issued on or after December 26, 2014 will be subject (via the referenced terms and conditions) to the updated Uniform Guidance,
2) Any increments to current funding, non-competing increments or competing segments to existing projects may, at the discretion of the funding agency, be subject to the updated guidance.
3) Project no-cost extensions, will remain under the circular based guidance, unless the Sponsor has formally approved the extension request and as in #2, it is at their discretion which set of guidance to reference in the terms and conditions.

Recall that contracts are subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR). The FAR was not impacted by nor is a part of this new set of regulations.

For more details on the Uniform Guidance, please visit these links:
You Tube Presentation by Robin Cyr (1 hour and 45 minutes)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kIW-LiUH_IU&feature=youtu.be
Slides from presentation above:

How Will I Know What Set of Guidance My Project Follows?

Careful review of sponsor notice of award documentation at the time of award is necessary by not only OSR employees but also departmental administrators. Every agency will implement and cite regulations in different ways. For example, The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is implementing the new guidance by adding a new chapter in their existing title of the Code of Federal Regulations, CFR 45, Part 75. (Continued; Page 3)
Grants.gov Scheduled Outage

Grants.gov production system will go Offline, Saturday February 14, 2015 at 12:01 AM EDT and come back Online, Tuesday February 17, 2015 at 6:00 AM EDT.

**Please Note:** We will not be able to submit applications to grants.gov during this period. NIH R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, and R36 applications, typically due on February 16th will be due on February 17th because of the Federal President's Day Holiday on February 16, 2015.

If we receive additional guidance from any of our sponsors we will pass it on to the UNC research community.

**Please distribute to those in your area who perform research administration tasks.**

To be added to the distribution list, please submit a request using the link on our website: [http://research.unc.edu/offices/sponsored-research/](http://research.unc.edu/offices/sponsored-research/)

Five Questions - Tania Osborn

Meet Tania Osborn, one of OSR’s Grant and Contract Specialists. While juggling multiple sponsors’ proposal deadlines and submitting grant applications, Tania spent the fall studying to take the Certified Research Administrator’s Examination. Find out more about OSR’s newest CRA below:

1) **How long have you worked in Research Administration?** I have worked in Research Administration and at UNC for 7 years and 4 months.

2) **What is your favorite part of Research Administration?** I love my Pre-Award team, I’m really lucky to work with such an accomplished group.

3) **If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?** Time Travel. I’d like to go back to some pivotal moment in history, like the Renaissance, and also to relive some of my favorite days.

4) **If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?** It changes but right now, I’d go somewhere tropical.

5) **What is your favorite pastime?** Kayaking and Quilting (but not at the same time!)

Depositing Contract & Grant Funds

Please remember if you receive a check that needs to be deposited to a sponsored project you should ensure that the funds are placed in the hands of the Office of Sponsored Research (OSR) - Cash Management. Forwarding funds through campus mail is not recommended. In accordance with State and University Policy, deposits are to be made daily.

Please attach the check(s) to a memo including the Project ID(s) that the funds should be deposited to. If the check(s) is for an expense reimbursement, please provide the specific account where the original expense was charged and the reference number (you may also attach an Infoporte printout).

For questions, please contact OSR’s Cash Management Accountant, 919-962-1353 or cash_mgmt@listserv.unc.edu.

**Note:** If you use Accounts Receivable Business Unit (ARBUS) CHOSR your deposit will be rejected.
Meet Christine Lawless, OSR’s Central Effort Administrator. Chris works tirelessly (and seemingly around the clock) to insure that UNC’s researchers are paid correctly and that their effort is in compliance with Sponsor requirements. Find out more about one of hardest working Heels below:

1) **How long have you worked in Research Administration?** I have worked in Research Administration and at UNC for almost 6 years.

2) **What is your favorite part of Research Administration?** Problem solving, I love figuring out the impossible.

3) **If you could have one superpower, what would it be and why?** Slow down time so I could get more things done.

4) **If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?** Right now, Wales (or DragonCon, but I do that every year!)

5) **What is your favorite pastime?** Logic puzzles, crosswords, etc.

(Continued from Page 1) A new data field has been created in RAMSeS that will reflect the current terms and conditions of the project. This field is located on the PS Project ID Screen and is called “Terms and Conditions”. Given the recent addition of this field, OSR has not yet completed updates for existing projects. This data will be backfilled as projects are revisited and updated for other reasons. Please give us your patience as we backfill this data. All new projects (federal and non-federal) will be established with this field completed.

The options in completing this field are: 1) N/A; 2) Uniform Guidance; 3) Continued Under Circular; and 4) Continued Under FAR

Any questions related to the implementation of the new Uniform Guidance can be directed to OSR’s Award Management Team Program Administrators, Justo Torres (justo@email.unc.edu) or Sharon Brooks (Sharon_brooks@unc.edu).

Effective, January 5, 2015, OSR’s Proposal Management Group changed to a department based portfolio model. Our updated Portfolio Assignments can be found on our website: https://research.unc.edu/files/2015/01/Pre-Award-Portfolio-Assignment-By-Person.pdf

OSR’s next Quarterly Forum will be held on Tuesday, February 10th from 1:00-3:00pm in Bondurant Hall (G100).

Save the date: May 19th will be the date of the last Quarterly Forum for FY2015.

Pre-Award Reminder

Important Links

Read about what’s happening in Research at UNC, Endeavors: http://endeavors.unc.edu/

Receive timely, informational emails specific to Research Administration: http://lists.unc.edu/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=res_info

Find out about upcoming training courses: http://research.unc.edu/offices/sponsored-research/training/