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**NSF Updates:**

1. **Updated NSF Terms and Conditions**

I wanted to make you aware that revised versions of the NSF *Grant General Conditions* (GC-1) and the *Cooperative Agreement Financial and Administrative Terms and Conditions* (CA-FATC) have been posted to the NSF website. These documents have been updated to implement changes necessitated by 2 CFR § 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

The *Research Terms and Conditions* (RTCs) normally are applicable to NSF grants to universities and other non-profit organizations. However, the RTCs are currently being revised by a working group of the National Science and Technology Council’s Research Business Models Subcommittee. Until the RTCs become effective, the GC-1 will serve as the applicable terms and conditions for all NSF grants.

The revised GC-1 will apply to all new NSF grants and funding amendments to existing NSF grants issued on or after December 26, 2014, and similarly, the CA-FATC will apply to NSF cooperative agreements. Parallel changes will be made to the remaining suite of NSF terms and conditions.

If you have any questions on these changes, please contact the DIAS/Policy Office on (703) 292-8243 or by email to policy@nsf.gov.

2. **Updated NSF Grants.gov Application Guide**


This document is applicable to all applications submitted, or due, to NSF on or after December 26, 2014. Please refer to Page 2 of the Guide for a summary of the significant changes, clarifications and other changes. Any questions regarding the new Guide should be submitted electronically to policy@nsf.gov.

**NIH Updates:**

The following updates were announced in the [December 19, 2014 - Weekly NIH Funding Opportunities and Notices](http://www.nih.gov). NIH’s weekly funding opportunities and notices provide valuable updates and notices to the research administration community. Please take some time to read these and other notices in their entirety.

1. **HHS Changes Standard Due Dates for SBIR/STTR Grant Applications***

(NOT-OD-15-038) – This change is effective September 5, 2015.

* Although UNC is not eligible to apply directly for SBIR/STTR grant applications, we are subs on many SBIR/STTR applications so the change in standard due dates should be noted.
2.  **Simplifying the NIH Policy for Late Application Submission**

(NOT-OD-15-039) - This new policy is effective for applications submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2015. The policy will not be applied retroactively. This means that RFAs and PARs with special due dates published on or before December 17, 2014 will follow the policy described in NOT-OD-11-035.

3.  **Publication of Interim Final Rule Adopting OMB’s Final Guidance in 2 CFR Part 200 into HHS’ Implementing Regulations at 45 CFR Part 75**

(NOT-OD-15-046) - On December 19, 2014, the Department of Health and Human Services published in the Federal Register, an interim final rule adopting OMB’s final guidance in 2 CFR part 200 with certain amendments, based on existing HHS regulations, to supplement the guidance as needed for the Department. HHS’ amendments are described in the joint preamble, and incorporated into HHS’ implementing regulations at 45 CFR part 75, which are located within the Federal Register document on pages 75889 - 75981. One important note, consistent with current HHS policy, 45 CFR part 75 will apply to all types of organizations, including commercial.

*NIH will issue separate Guide Notices providing NIH-specific implementation information.*

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