Angela Jordan, Research Communications, Development and Learning

Research and Scholarly Development Grant – New Requirement

- For those of you who have faculty that apply for the Research and Scholarly Development Grant, this year, we are going to require a Letter of Intent (LOI) to be submitted one month in advance. With a March 1 deadline, that would mean the LOI will need to be submitted to the RCDL office no later than February 1. This does not mean that we will absolutely reject those who don’t send an LOI, but they are at greater risk of not being accepted in the competition without it.

Dusty Layton, Research Compliance and Assurance

Announcements

- Danielle Miller will be taking over the IACUC/IBC approvals in the Compliance office, and will be the person to contact for any IACUC-related questions/issues.
- We will be going into a more in depth discussion concerning very specific issues regarding foreign influence and security concerns that will impact research administrators that we should be aware of that do impact the grants admissions and proposal that are related to disclosures and resources that involve foreign entities, government or organizations.
- New policies and procedures have been developed that impact via grants administrators of foreign gifts that are received on campus. We are also in the process of updating our Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment policies and procedures that will be integrated into our policy and the COI forms.
- The Foreign Influence Committee is currently working to better the monitor the foreign delegations that are on campus for transparency purposes, and that those individuals that may be impacted by their visit in terms of who they may be speaking to and where and what they may be involved with to make sure there is not a negative impact on any issues that deal with high sensitive security areas or areas where sensitive research is being conducted.
- At the end of this term, David Furman will be taking over the duties of the Foreign Influence Committee and will be your contact person for any issues regarding this topic.

Mark Wilson, Information Security

Cybersecurity

- Cybersecurity affects everyone, which makes those who work in research a target. The free flow of information between academics and researchers and collaboration. With that comes the risk of sharing information with parties unintentionally.
- Since so many people depend on modern communication technologies, phishing threats have made researchers a target by cyber attackers. By setting up a 2 Factor Authentication for email, this helps decrease the possibility of a cyber-attack.
- Malicious actors use social media (Facebook, university websites, et al) to target victims as well.
- Running updated software and Anti-virus software on your computer will also help deter cyber-attacks.
- Due to the increase of malicious threats across the nation, cybersecurity has become an increasingly important, and in most cases, required for government grants and data.