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Update from Dr. Stephen Maren, CPI Chair

February CPI News – The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met with administrators on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. Discussions and updates during the CPI-EC meeting were on the opportunities for PIs hear from Chancellor Sharp regarding the Texas A&M University surpassing the \$1B mark with research dollars and an update from Sponsored Research Services on upcoming Maestro updates PIs can utilize. Chancellor Sharp as well as the Maestro updates presentation will be shared with all PIs and guests at the February 10th CPI General Meeting.

I invite you to contact me, Dr. David Stelly, 2020-2021 CPI Vice Chair at cpi@tamu.edu or Rebecca Luckey, rluckey@tamu.edu, for more information or to suggest agenda items for CPI's monthly meetings. The CPI Executive Committee continues to meet with the interim president, interim provost and chancellor on a regular basis.

CPI Contacts—The complete 2020-2021 roster of CPI Representatives and the CPI Executive Committee can be found on the CPI website at https://cpi.tamu.edu/membership/2020-2021_Membership. Previous membership lists can be found in the council [archive](#).

NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide published in the Federal Register

NSF published a notice today in the [Federal Register](#) announcing the availability of a “For comment” draft of the *Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide* (PAPPG). The Foundation is accepting comments from the external community until **cob February 12, 2021**. The draft PAPPG is available on the [Policy Office website](#). To facilitate review, revised text has been highlighted in yellow throughout the document and explanatory comments have been included in the margins, where appropriate.

This draft version will incorporate the revised 2 CFR §200: *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Award* that was effective November 12, 2020. It should be noted that we have not highlighted the revised references throughout the document. Please note that if there is a discrepancy between the current PAPPG (NSF 20-1) and the revised 2 CFR §200, the applicable NSF award conditions apply.

In addition, NSF also has released revised [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) on Current and Pending Support. These FAQs are effective for proposals submitted in response to the current PAPPG (NSF 20-1).

Any questions should be directed to the Policy Office at policy@nsf.gov.

AnSRS4U presentation - Project Payroll

The next Texas A&M University Sponsored Research Services (SRS) AnSRS4U presentation will be on “Project Payroll”.

Have you had questions about payroll?

- How does payroll get charged to my sponsored project?
- What is the process for payroll corrections?
- If my project is subject to a salary cap, how does that affect payroll?

If you have had these or other questions about payroll, you will want to attend the next AnSRS4U presentation on payroll on February 18, 2021 at 10:00am.

Questions in advance are encouraged. If you have questions on project payroll that you would like to have addressed, please email them in advance to ansrs4u@tamu.edu.

SRS will record the presentation and it will be available at a later time for anyone to access. Recordings and slides of the previous AnSRS4U presentations are available via the SRS website at <https://srs.tamu.edu> under the Resources link and then select AnSRS4U.

Participation will be via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information is below. You will need to register in advance for this presentation.

SRS looks forward to your participation. Feel free to forward this on to your colleagues. If they are not receiving this notice via the SRS listserv they can email ansrs4u@tamu.edu and request to be added to the listserv.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
AnSRS4U Project Compliance - Payroll
When: Feb 18, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://tamu.zoom.us/j/91234567890>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Innovation Partners

It is the mission of Innovation Partners to partner with and educate Texas A&M University and Health Science Center faculty and staff on translating laboratory innovations to the marketplace.

SBIR/STTR Webinar Series: March 24, 31, and April 7

Whether this year will be your first time submitting an SBIR or STTR proposal or you have submitted several before, this three-part webinar series will help get you or your lab/company ready to submit. This informative series will communicate key differences between agencies, what to look for when deciding which agency to submit to, pre-proposal requirements, and best practices for submitting a successful proposal. There is no cost to attend.

Attendees will walk away with a better understanding of what they need to be thinking about before they are ready to submit an SBIR or STTR grant proposal.

All sessions are from 4pm-6pm CST.

Sign up at [this link](#) or on our website at <https://tamuiip.tamu.edu/events/>

IP Office Hours: February 5, 12, and 18

IP Attorney Office Hours are available at no cost to Texas A&M faculty, staff, and students. Thirty-minute appointments are available with IP attorneys from firms across Texas, including many who contract with the Texas A&M University System to provide legal services for Texas A&M System-owned intellectual property. This semester, Innovation Partners will host both virtual and in-person Pro-Bono Intellectual Property Attorney office hours. They will be offered in 30-minute increments on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the spring semester.

Virtual Appointments will be held: Feb. 5 & 12

In-Person Appointments will be held: Feb. 18 at the TIPS building, 800 Raymond Stotzer Parkway. Specific room assignments will be sent with your appointment confirmation.

In-person appointments will adhere to all Texas A&M health & safety guidelines.

[Virtual Office Hours](#)

[In-Person Office Hours](#)

Sign up online at <https://tamuiip.tamu.edu/about/educational-programs/> under "IP Office Hours."

Latest Publication

View our latest publication, [the Innovation Partners 2020 Annual Report, State of the Portfolio](#) on our website <https://tamuip.tamu.edu/about/> under “Quick Links.”

Update on Undergraduate Research/LAUNCH Opportunities

Explorations: The Texas A&M Undergraduate Journal

Undergraduates

Please encourage your undergraduate research students to submit. Publishing in Explorations does not preclude students from publishing in a professional journal because our journal is designed for articles in a short format meant for a general audience.

- Undergraduates are invited to submit to the journal. The process begins with a synopsis due **in late-January, early-February**. Team submissions are accepted. If the synopsis is selected to move forward, the student(s) will be invited to submit a full manuscript by mid-March. If selected, undergraduate(s) attend an Author Orientation and are assigned an editing team to work with throughout the remainder of the semester. Before publication, a faculty mentor overseeing the project must sign off on the work. Additional information and approvals, including copyright and media releases, are collected from undergraduate authors between April and May. Please encourage your students to submit.
- **Synopses**
 - **Synopsis Deadline:** February 1, 2021 at noon
 - **Synopsis** **Application** **Link:**
<https://launch.tamu.edu/Applications/Explorations/Explorations-Synopsis-Submission>
- **Full Manuscripts**
 - **Full Manuscript Deadline:** March 16, 2021 at noon
 - **Full Manuscript Application Link:** TBA

Faculty

- Faculty can mentor undergraduate researchers and encourage them to apply to the board and/or to submit to the journal. If a student's full manuscript is selected to move forward for publication, the work must be approved by the faculty mentor overseeing the project.
- Faculty can also review for the journal. Reviewer registration is collected on a rolling basis. Submissions are assigned by discipline and expertise. Faculty will be asked to review up to 3 submissions at a time. ***Publishing in Explorations does not preclude students from publishing in a professional journal because our journal is designed for articles in a short format meant for a general audience.***
- **Volume 13 Review Timeline**
 - **February 2, 2021:** Synopses distributed for review no later than this date
 - **February 16, 2021:** Deadline to return synopsis reviews
 - **March 17, 2021:** Full manuscripts distributed to reviewers no later than this date
 - **March 30, 2021:** Deadline to submit full manuscript reviews
- **Registration Deadline for Volume 13 Synopses:** January 29, 2021
- **Registration** **Link:** <https://launch.tamu.edu/Applications/Explorations/Faculty-Reviewer-Registration>

Undergraduate Research Scholars (URS) Faculty Participation at the URS Symposium

Email ugr@tamu.edu to volunteer and we will invite you to complete the registration form.

This year the Undergraduate Research Scholars Symposium will kick off virtually on February 24, 2021 and be open to the campus community until March 3, 2021. With all of the disruptions this year it is more important than ever for us to support our students. We know you might feel overwhelmed, but if you could find an hour or two to volunteer as an active listener again it would really mean a lot to our students.

Active Listeners are asked to focus on the four areas below and provide helpful written feedback. The purpose of these presentations is to help students improve their oral communication skills as well as their virtual presentation skills. Remember, this might be a student's very first time presenting.

The format of the event will look different than in the past:

- All presentations are virtual and will be made available to the public online on the ForagerOne Symposium platform. Presentations will remain available for Active Listeners to review from February 24-March 3, 2021.
- All students will present on camera and provide a video of their research presentation. Each presentation will be 10 minutes maximum.
- Students may also prepare supplemental materials such as a poster PDF, PowerPoint Slides, or an embedded video (of a performance, creative artifact, etc.) to accompany their research presentation.
- Active Listeners will complete a Feedback Form in Google Docs for assigned presentations. Assigned presentations will be emailed prior to the event.

We ask active listeners to comment on the following in the Feedback Form (in Google Docs):

- 1) Body language and delivery
- 2) Effective communication of the research question and why it is important
- 3) Effective visual aids (if used)
- 4) **NEW:** Effective presentation skills in a virtual space

Call for Undergraduate Research Ambassador Applications

*****Please encourage your undergraduate research students to submit.*****

The LAUNCH Undergraduate Research Ambassadors work to inspire broader engagement in undergraduate research by educating and serving the Texas A&M University community and beyond. New Ambassadors are chosen each spring.

Students in the Undergraduate Research Ambassador program share advice with fellow undergraduates on how to get started in research, find projects, and communicate with faculty members. Ambassadors represent LAUNCH at research, recruiting, and outreach events, such as the UGR Expo, URS Symposium, Getting Started in Research Workshops, and more. They are also available for customized presentations to students, staff, and faculty.

Students in the program will gain knowledge in networking, public speaking, leadership opportunities, and will have increased competitiveness on graduate and professional school applications. Ambassadors often receive additional grant opportunities and other professional development experiences as a result of their involvement.

LAUNCH: Undergraduate Research seeks Ambassadors that will represent diverse academic disciplines across campus, including science, engineering, arts, humanities, business, and social sciences.

Applications are accepted until March 4, 2021 at noon. A letter of recommendation from a faculty research mentor is required as part of the application.

Application Details: <http://launch.tamu.edu/Undergraduate-Research/Ambassadors/Apply>

eRA Commons landing page updates and implementation of a Two-Factor Authentication process effective September 15, 2021

eRA Commons will be unveiling a new landing page Tuesday, January 12, 2021. The streamlined design will utilize a navigation icon in the upper left corner of the page. For more information and screenshots, please click the following link: <https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2020/12/22/new-era-commons-screens-are-almost-here/>

According to the NIH eRA Commons website, a new log-in method (login.gov) will be required in 2021 for the users of eRA Commons, Commons Mobile, IAP and ASSIST. This new initiative will allow researchers and administrators the ability to log into multiple sites using a single username and password.

The requirement will be phased in for reviewers meeting by meeting, effective for review meetings February 1, 2021 and beyond. As the reviewers are enabled for meetings, their accounts will be transitioned to require login.gov to access IAR. All users of eRA Commons, ASSIST, IAR and Commons Mobile are encouraged to switch prior to the **mandatory deadline of September 15, 2021**.

At this time, you may only have one login.gov account associated with one eRA Commons account. (If you have multiple TAMU affiliated eRA Commons accounts, you will need a login.gov account for each Commons account.)

Guidance for investigators can be found at <https://era.nih.gov/register-accounts/access-era-modules-via-login-gov.htm>, under the "Initial Setup at login.gov" heading. There is also a link for frequently asked questions that may be of assistance. <https://era.nih.gov/faqs.htm#XXIV>

Should you have any questions, you may contact your SRS proposal administrator.

Virtual Biologic Workshop, April 13-14, 2021

U.S. Customs and Border Protection along with Texas A&M's Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense DHS Center of Excellence are hosting a virtual event to explore the requirements for international importation and exportation of biological shipments for testing and research purposes. The two-day virtual workshop is intended for an audience interested in learning more about the regulatory requirements that must be followed when importing and exporting biological materials. Representatives from several federal government agencies will discuss their responsibilities and regulatory requirements relating to the international importation of biological shipments for testing and/or research. Please email cbts@ag.tamu.edu for registration information.

Maestro Changes Affecting You

In an effort to continually reduce researcher burden and improve research administration processes, the following enhancements will be coming mid-February 2021:

Proposal processing

Primary Investigator will no longer be receiving Compliance and Reporting code tasks. When proposal is submitted for institutional electronic routing and approval

- Primary Investigator will review proposal and complete 3 research compliance items
 - Human Subjects
 - Animals (Vertebrates)
 - Export Control -International Collaboration,

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- Primary Investigator will check if the following 4 reporting codes apply to their research
 - Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill (Y/N)
 - Underrepresented Student Included (Y/N)
 - STEM Education Program (Y/N)
 - COVID-19 Related Research (Y/N), and
 - Primary Investigator will confirm reporting credit and conflict of interest applicability for all proposal personnel.

Award and Project processing

When award documents are received and project record is established, Primary Investigator will receive two tasks:

- Task to review and complete full compliance statement that includes all TAMUS monitored research compliance items. The statement is divided in different compliance groups for easier navigation, clarity of information needed, and user friendliness. Once task completed, any items marked 'Yes' (applicable) will send notification to the respective Compliance Official for that item with all data provided in the statement.
- Task to review and complete Higher Education Research and Development Survey reporting codes.

Maestro Steering Committee

The Maestro Steering Committee governs Maestro (Modular Application for the Electronic Submission and Tracking of Research Operations), which is an enterprise-wide system that supports researchers and research administration across The Texas A&M University System. The Steering Committee is co-chaired by the TAMUS CIO (Mark Stone) and the TAMU VP for Research (Mark Barteau). The Maestro Steering Committee met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Items of discussion included:

- (1) Status of the Budget Forecasting Project, presented by Tamara Lopez.
 - a. The project will develop an enterprise-wide budget forecasting solution in Maestro, primarily for researchers and secondarily for the TAMUS research administration community.
 - b. The Budget Forecasting Working Group, under the oversight of the Budget Forecasting Leadership Committee, is nearing completion of the Discovery Phase. Most information-gathering, such as gathering examples of similar solutions from around campus, is complete.
 - c. Note: The budget forecasting solution will now include projecting both under- and over-commitments of investigators.
- (2) Update on Compliance Statement Redesign, presented by Leonarda Horvat. The intent is to make the compliance statement section of proposals/awards more user friendly.
- (3) Update on Researcher Interface Enhancement, presented by Leonarda Horvat. Most Compliance Statement items will now kick in at the time a project is created from a proposal. Anticipated release to be mid-February.
- (4) Update on Sponsored Billing (Phase V) by Leonarda Horvat. The goal is to give AR accountants ability in Maestro to create sponsored billing invoices and post them from Maestro directly into finance system FAMIS.
- (5) A Maestro Status Monitoring Report provided by Leonarda Horvat, which covered both financials status and new Maestro features released in the past two months. Working on an interface with Interfolio, which will be handled separately for PVAMU, TAMU and AgriLife.

Reviewed by Leonarda Horvat. Director, Research Information Systems, TAMU.

Reported by CPI representatives to the Steering Committee (and to the Budget Forecasting Leadership Committee):

Lee Tarpley (ltarpley@tamu.edu) and Kerri Gehring (kbgehring@tamu.edu)

Updated Guidelines for Enhancing Diversity and Creating Safe Environments in Conferences Supported by NIH Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The new conference grant policy describes plans to enhance diversity by increasing the participation of individuals from diverse backgrounds in all aspects of the conference. Conference grant applicants (R13/U13) must include plans to enhance diversity during the selection of organizing committees, speakers, other invited participants, such as session chairs and panel discussants, and attendees. Plans to enhance diversity will be assessed during the scientific and technical merit review of the application. Though the proposed plans will not be scored individually, they will be considered in the overall impact score.

Such plans will be required, as a separate attachment, for applications received beginning for the April due date. If a plan to enhance diversity is not included, the application will not be reviewed. Applicants can also outline, in the biosketches for their key personnel, past experiences in enhancing diversity in the biomedical sciences.

Conference grant awardees will be required to report on the effectiveness of plans to enhance diversity of underrepresented groups in annual Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) and the Final-RPPR.

Reference: [NOT-OD-21-053: Updated Guidelines for Enhancing Diversity and Creating Safe Environments in Conferences Supported by NIH Grants and Cooperative Agreements](#)

Change to NIH Salary Cap

Since 1990, Congress has legislatively mandated a limitation on direct salary for individuals under NIH awards. The mandate appears in the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* ([Public Law 116-260](#)), signed into law on December 27, 2020, which provides authority for NIH to incur obligations for Fiscal Year 2021.

The *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* restricts the amount of direct salary to Executive Level II of the Federal Executive pay scale. The Office of Personnel Management recently released new salary levels for the Executive Pay Scale. Effective January 3, 2021, the salary limitation for Executive Level II is \$199,300.

Reference:

[NOT-OD-21-057: Guidance on Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements FY 2021 \(nih.gov\)](#)

Certified Research Administrator Exam Review Sessions

TAMU Sponsored Research Services (SRS) beginning in February 2021 will host a series of review sessions in preparation for the Certified Research Administrator (CRA) exam. These sessions held via Zoom consist of weekly presentations and additional study material. SRS has been continually offering these sessions since 2016. For the fall 2020 session, there were participants from TAMU, TAMHSC, TAMUG, AgriLife, TTI, TEES, TAMUCC and TAMUI.

The TAMU Vice President for Research, Dr. Mark Barteau and SRS encourages their staff engaged in research administration to earn the CRA certification. An eligibility requirement for the CRA is a combination of years of profession experience in research administration and education. The sessions are open to all TAMUS staff. Over 55 employees on the College Station campus have obtained the CRA designation. Earning the designation of Certified Research Administrator means that an individual has met the requirements of the Research Administrators Certification Council's (RACC) eligibility requirements and has demonstrated a level of knowledge necessary for a person to be a professional research or sponsored programs administrator. RACC was created to promote a culture of integrity and competency in the profession of sponsored research administration. To learn more about RACC and the certification process visit the RACC website at [| RACC \(cra-cert.org\)](#).

Contact David Hollingsworth, dhollingsworth@tamu.edu in SRS if you want to participate in the review sessions or want more information.

2020-2021 Bridge Funding and Support Funding Requests

Reminder that Graduate and Professional Studies is accepting funding requests from faculty PIs or Co-PIs for Ph.D. GARS funded on external grants and contracts. Conditions are outlined below.

Graduate and Professional Studies is continuing to accept 2020-2021 [bridge funding requests](#) and [support funding requests](#) on a rolling basis and pending funding availability. **Both forms are for faculty PIs or Co-PIs to request funds for Ph.D. GARS funded on external grants and contracts that meet the following conditions:**

1. Academic Year 2020-2021 [Bridge Funding Requests](#):
 - a) Purpose: Address grandfathering as the tuition mandate was expanded to include required fees
 - b) Funding available for: University required fees
 - c) Requests will only be considered for awarded proposals where
 - i. the proposal submission deadline was prior to 1/1/2020, and
 - ii. the granting agency did not permit payment of fees, or
 - iii. the granting agency did permit payment of fees.
 1. An explanation of the extraordinary circumstance detailing why funding beyond tuition (i.e. university required fees) is no longer available and how funds were reallocated must be included.
 2. Requests for funding to add additional GARs beyond what was included in the original budget will not be approved.
 - d) The announcement for Academic Year 2021-2022 requests will be sent in late spring/early summer 2021.
2. Academic Year 2020-2021 [Support Funding Requests](#):
 - a) Purpose: Address challenges that PIs have had paying tuition and fees when the funding agency does not permit such payments. Graduate and Professional Studies will leverage limited 2020-2021 funding to support PIs now responsible for paying resident tuition *and* required fees for PhD GARs.
 - b) Funding available for: resident tuition and university required fees.
 - c) Requests will only be considered for awarded proposals where
 - i. the proposal submission deadline was on or after 1/1/2020, and
 - ii. the granting agency does not permit payment of resident tuition and/or fees.
3. Eligibility for Bridge and Support Funding Consideration
 - a) Faculty PIs and Co-PIs from Texas A&M University Colleges: Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture, Bush School of Government, Mays Business School, Education & Human Development, Engineering, Geosciences, Liberal Arts, Science, Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.
 - b) Faculty PIs and Co-PIs with awards administered by: Texas A&M University, AgriLife, and TEES.

Faculty from the Health Science Center colleges and Texas A&M University at Galveston should contact their respective dean's office.

Additional information for faculty and staff can be found on the [tuition and fee mandate website](#). Requests must be routed through the College GOC Dean or designee. Completed forms should be emailed to Jackie Perez, Director of Business Services at jackieperez@tamu.edu

Updates to Existing Proposal & Award Policy-related Guidance

The Foundation has made updates to the following guidance on the NSF website based on inquiries that we are receiving from the community:

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) on NSF's Implementation of OMB Memorandum M-20-26](#);
- [FAQs on Current & Pending Support](#); and
- [NSF-approved Formats for the Biographical Sketch](#) website.

Updated guidance includes clarifications on professional appointments, research endeavors, principal investigators working outside the U.S. for an extended period of time, and reporting on in-kind support and outside consulting activities. Please direct any questions to policy@nsf.gov.

COVID Report Form

Reminder, there is a new online COVID Report Form that should be utilized if you are reporting information on individuals with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. Utilize this link: <https://redcap.tamhsc.edu/surveys/?s=4HAMAH98D>

If you are reporting on another individual, please remember to keep all information strictly confidential.

Updates to Research.gov

National Science Foundation (NSF) enabled three new proposal types in the Research.gov Proposal Submission System. These are the Rapid Response Research (RAPID), EARly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER), and Research Advanced by Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (RAISE) proposal types.

RAPID, EAGER, and RAISE Proposals

- Proposers can now select a RAPID, EAGER, or RAISE proposal in the Research.gov proposal creation wizard, in addition to the existing Research proposal option.
- New automated compliance checks for RAPID, EAGER, and RAISE proposals have been added to Research.gov

Prior to submission of a RAPID or Eager proposal, PI(s) must contact the NSF Program Officer(s) whose expertise is most germane to the proposal topic to ascertain that submission of a proposal is appropriate. For a RAISE proposal the PI(s) must receive approval to submit a proposal from at least two NSF Program Officers, in intellectually distinct programs, whose expertise is most germane to the proposal topics.

Limited Submission Proposal Opportunities

The Division of Research has implemented a brand new proposal submission and review portal. The system will be used for limited submissions and most internal grant programs. You will find available opportunities at: <https://tamu.infoready4.com/#limitedsubmissions>. The limited submission office will be phasing in the portal as new limited submission opportunities arise. If you have any questions, please contact limitedsubmissions@tamu.edu or Shelly Martin at 979-862-2233.

Proposal Assistance for Large Multidisciplinary Funding Opportunities

The Division of Research, Research Development Services, offers free assistance to teams pursuing large multidisciplinary funding opportunities. To learn more about the types of assistance offered or to request assistance, see the one-pager included in this edition of the CPI newsletter, click [here](#), or contact Dr. Candice Jongsma (cqjongsma@tamu.edu).

Bulletin for Principal Investigators

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