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Update from Dr. Stephen Maren, CPI Chair

October CPI News –The Council of Principal Investigators Executive Committee (CPI-EC) met with administrators on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Discussions during the CPI-EC meeting were updates as Texas A&M continues to plan for research opportunities for the new academic. Ms. Katherine Rojo del Busto, Associate Vice President, Research Compliance Officer provided an update on the Texas A&M Road Maps and introduced the Texas A&M IT Tech Team provided an overview of the new research resources and data classification tool for PIs. They are providing this information to the full CPI at the Wednesday, October 14th CPI General Meeting so it can be recorded and livestreamed for all PIs to have the opportunity to hear.

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.

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](#).

Approved Formats for Bio and C-P

The requirement to use an NSF-approved format for preparation of the biographical sketch and current and pending support form will go into effect for new proposals submitted or due on or after **October 5, 2020**.

Approved formats for creating biographical sketches and the current and pending support form are:

- SciENCv
- [NSF Fillable PDF](#)

For more information on the biosketch go to <https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/biosketch.jsp>

For more information on the current and pending support go to <https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/cps.jsp>

Changes to NSF Project Reporting

PIs with active NSF projects please take note:

New Question for Project Reports with Active Other Support Changes

On October 5, 2020, NSF will add the following new question to the Edit Participants screen:

Has there been a change in the active other support of the PI/PD(s) since the last reporting period?

If Principal Investigators (PIs)/Project Directors (PDs) and co-PIs/co-PDs select "Yes," they will be required to upload their most up-to-date Current and Pending Support document in an NSF-approved format to notify NSF that active other support has changed since the award was made or since the most recent annual report.

Current and Pending Support documents not in an NSF-approved format will trigger a compliance error preventing document upload and submission of the annual or final project report. The NSF-approved formats for Current and Pending Support are [SciENCv: Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae](#) and an [NSF fillable PDF](#).

Additional New Questions from the Revised RPPR

Beginning October 5, 2020, NSF will also add the following three questions to the "Impact" and "Changes/Problems" tabs:

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- What was the impact on teaching and educational experiences? (*Impact tab*);
 - What percentage of the award's budget was spent in a foreign country? (*Impact tab*); and
 - Has there been a change in primary performance site location from that originally proposed? (*Changes/Problems tab*).

AnSRS4U – Presentation on Project Administration

TAMU Sponsored Research Services (SRS) is providing Answers for You, (AnSRS4U). SRS is offering via Zoom a series of monthly informational sessions on various research administration topics. Our target audience is the department and college staff that support the research enterprise but everyone is welcome to attend.

The next presentation will be on **Thursday, October 15 at 10:00am** and the topic is **project administration**. Questions are encouraged and can be emailed prior to the presentation to ansrs4u@tamu.edu.

Register in advance for this meeting at the link below.

<https://tamu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYsce6uqD4sHtH5B-Bo8zSgpd05FSxIolGA>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you prefer to receive notices of these presentation via the SRS listserv please email ansrs4u@tamu.edu and request to be added to the listserv.

MIC Virtual Lunch & Learn October

The Microscopy and Imaging Center will be hosting a Virtual Open House in 2 parts on Friday, October 23rd and Tuesday, October 27th from 9:00am-4:00pm. We are inviting you to a virtual tour of our facility, meet our staff, and hear about new opportunities available at the MIC.

In addition we will be hosting our next Monthly Lunch & Learn Seminar on Tuesday, November 10th. We are inviting you to join us on your lunch hour via Zoom as Dr. Stanislav Vitha discusses an "Introduction to Superresolution: Leica SP8 and Leica DM6B".

Additional information about both of these events can be found at <https://microscopy.tamu.edu/events/>.

Research Development Fund Application DEADLINE EXTENDED – October 26th

The Research Development Fund Advisory and Management Committees have **extended the deadline** for the Research Development Fund "Classic" applications from Monday October 19, 2020 to Monday October 26, 2020. The [RDF "Classic" Application](#) template, request for application (RFA), guidelines and eligibility can be found at rdf.tamu.edu.

Update on the Texas Library Coalition for United Action's Negotiations with Elsevier

The A&M Libraries is a member of the newly-established Texas Library Coalition for United Action (TLCUA or "The Coalition"). The Coalition has 42 members and includes both public and private institutions in Texas. Selected examples include all UT and A&M system institutions and private institutions such as Rice and Baylor; all UT medical libraries are members as well. The Coalition has

been established to negotiate collaboratively with Elsevier. As most members, the A&M Libraries has a contract that expires December 31, 2020.

The Coalition seeks a successful agreement with Elsevier but we have important goals we want to achieve in a new agreement. All members have agreed that we are willing to walk away from negotiations and potentially lose immediate access to newly published content if our goals are not met. Two key goals include reductions in cost and greater control by faculty over their scholarly content. Should we withdraw, we would join the UC and MIT libraries who have recently withdrawn from negotiations and lost immediate access. The A&M Libraries recently established an "Always Access Task Force" that will develop recommendations and tools for alternate strategies we can employ to provide continuing access to current content published in Elsevier journals.

Securing CDMRP Funding for Research

This presentation will cover CDMRP funding opportunities aligned with the work of both early and more experienced TAMU investigators. Attendees will learn how to find CDMRP funding opportunities, the process for applying, and tips for success as well as pitfalls in grant application design.

Institute for Advanced Study Newsletter- Special Edition, Issue 16

We are pleased to present a special edition of our newsletter announcing the 2020-2021 class of the Hagler Institute. You may access the newsletter at the following link: <https://conta.cc/2GJojBo>

Best Regards,
Hagler Institute for Advanced Study at Texas A&M University
<http://hias.tamu.edu>

Innovation Partners Office Inventor's Guide

Texas A&M University Innovation Partners hosts IP Attorney Office Hours at no cost to Texas A&M faculty, staff, and students. Thirty-minute appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis 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. If you are not sure you are ready to meet with an intellectual property attorney, check out our YouTube videos to learn how an IP attorney can help you.

View [more information](#) about office hours.
Sign up for an [October appointment](#).
Sign up for a [November appointment](#).
Contact [Grace Tiller](#) with any scheduling questions.

Innovation Partners provides a number of different programs to the university community it serves to enhance the commercialization-related efforts of faculty and staff. See our educational programs in detail at <https://tamuip.tamu.edu/about/educational-programs/> and contact [Beth Deuermeyer](#) if you have questions or would like more information.

What to Disclose? Other Support / Current and Pending Support- National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Have you ever wondered what to disclose and where to disclose it? NIH has created a grid with examples of what to disclose and where to disclose it. You can see the grid at

<https://grants.nih.gov/policy/protecting-innovation.htm>

NIH states that Other Support “includes all resources made available to a researcher in support of and/or related to all of their research endeavors, regardless of whether or not they have monetary value and regardless of whether they are based at the institution the researcher identifies for the current grant. This includes resource and/or financial support from all foreign and domestic entities, including but not limited to, financial support for laboratory personnel, and provision of high-value materials that are not freely available (e.g., biologics, chemical, model systems, technology, etc.).”

When to report

- All pending support at the time of application submission and prior to award must be reported using “Just-in-Time Procedures”. Applicants are responsible for promptly notifying NIH of any substantive changes to previously submitted Just-in-Time information up to the time of award, including “Other Support” changes that must be assessed for budgetary or scientific overlap.
- Further, if other support, is obtained after the initial NIH award period, from any source either through the institution or directly to senior/key personnel, the details must be disclosed in the annual research performance progress report (RPPR).
- Post-award, recipients must address any substantive changes by submitting a prior approval request to NIH in accordance with the NIHGPS section on “Administrative Requirements—Changes in Project and Budget—NIH Standard Terms of Award.”

NOTE: NIH **Notice Number**: NOT-OD-19-114 Reminders of NIH Policies on Other Support and on Policies related to Financial Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Components
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-19-114.html>

National Science Foundation (NSF)

NSF has compiled Frequently Asked Questions on Current and Pending Support. This provides guidance on what needs to be reported and where it should be listed in the proposal. You can find the FAQ at https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/papp/pappg20_1/faqs_cps20_1.pdf

What to Disclose for NIH Example: <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/protecting-innovation.htm>

New Postdoctoral Association (PDA) Website

The Texas A&M University Postdoctoral Association (TAMU PDA) is a postdoc-led organization supported by the Division of Research (DoR). Our mission is to foster a sense of community among postdoctoral scholars, to be an advocate and a representative voice of postdocs, and to improve the quality of the postdoctoral experience at TAMU.

For more information, please visit our new [website](#) and subscribe to our [listserv](#).

We are currently recruiting PDA departmental liaisons: PDA departmental representatives serve as delegates to foster communication between postdocs in their home department and the TAMU PDA. If you are interested in representing your department please contact us at pda@tamu.edu.

NSF Issuance of Proposal Preparation & Award Administration FAQs related to PAPPG (NSF 20-1)

NSF announces the issuance of a set of [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) on proposal preparation and award administration](#) related to NSF [Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide \(PAPPG\) \(NSF 20-1\)](#).

Some of the topics addressed in the FAQs include conference proposals, cost sharing, deadline dates, indirect costs, international activities/considerations and participant support.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact the DIAS/Policy Office by email at policy@nsf.gov.

Responsible Conduct of Research – New SAP & Workshops

Texas A&M University SAP <https://rulesadmin.tamu.edu/rules/download/15.99.99.M0.04> requires certain graduate students and postdoctoral researchers to complete four hours of face-to-face training regarding Responsible Conduct of Research training. Workshop information, including registration links, may be found at: <https://vpr.tamu.edu/manage-research/responsible-conduct-of-research/workshop-information>.

New Website for Research Development Services

Research Development Services (RDS) is excited to announce the launch of our newly designed website. Visit us at <https://vpr.tamu.edu/division-units/research-development-services/>. After months of hard work and dedication, we are delighted to officially announce the launch on September 1, 2020. We wanted to make this new website a one-stop-shop for all information and resources related to proposal development.

The new RDS site is divided into three categories: Proposal Support, Proposal Resources, and Funding Opportunities.

Proposal Support: Full description of services for multidisciplinary proposal development support lead by Dr. Jongsma; and Single Investigator, Early Career, and NIH proposal support services lead by Dr. Kimball, are available online. Please contact them for services that are available at no cost to you. Additionally, full biographies of our Research Development staff who could be assisting you in your proposal development efforts are available online.

Proposal Resources: This is an exciting new section we hope will help TAMU Researchers in their proposal development efforts. It includes funding agency templates, checklists, resources, proposal development FAQ's, and general writing guides and tools available for download and secured behind the TAMU SSO login. Additionally, we also offer professional development opportunities throughout the year. Visit our site for an updated listing of upcoming opportunities.

Funding Opportunities: Searching for Research Funding? Check out the funding section for all external, internal, international, and limited submission opportunities that are available. You can also sign up for email newsletters that are sent on a bi-weekly basis.

We feel we are off to a great start, but we are not done yet!! We will continue to strive to develop more resources and services that will assist the TAMU research community with their proposal development efforts. If you have any suggestions that could help enhance this site, please email your ideas to [Dr. Jongsma](#). ~ Research Development Services

Human Research Protection Program Update

To avoid running afoul of Texas gambling laws, researchers need to determine whether or not their use of a drawing for a chance to win a prize constitutes a lottery. Lotteries are illegal because they are considered "gambling" under Texas Penal Code Chapter 47.

A "lottery" is defined as any scheme or procedure whereby one or more prizes are distributed by chance among persons who have paid or promised consideration for a chance to win anything of value, whether such scheme or procedure is called a pool, lottery, raffle, gift, gift enterprise, sale, policy game, or some other name

Please see attached flyer for more information. Should you have any questions contact the Human Research Protection Program by phone at 979.458.4067 or by email at irb@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.

Research Development Services Calendar

Attached to the back of the newsletter are two pages entitled 2020-2021 Professional Development Calendar for upcoming to offer seminars & workshops for the Texas A&M research community. These events are aimed to assist PIs in developing competitive grant proposals to the NIH, NSF, and other federal agencies.

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.

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 (cjongsma@tamu.edu).

Bulletin for Principal Investigators

The Division of Research at Texas A&M University publishes a weekly bulletin about research. The Research Bulletin accepts news items about researchers and their teams from the colleges, schools, campuses and agencies within the Texas A&M research enterprise, including honors, funding, presentations, and appearances in news media. [Click here](#) to subscribe or unsubscribe to the bulletin

Wednesday, 11/11, 2-3PM CT

<https://tamu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcscOCtqDooGffCckU6fcO4mXtV5eZ-9Tu>

Hanover Research is a global research and grant development firm that works with higher education institutions to pursue external funding for research and scholarship. On **November 11, 2020**, at **2PM CT** the Division of Research is sponsoring a Hanover-led training session targeted to faculty from all disciplines interested in exploring external funding opportunities through the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). Please use [this link](#) to register.

Securing CDMRP Funding for Research

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Presenter: Sarah Ott, Senior Grants Consultant



Sarah provides grant review, writing and project design services for clients around the country including major post-secondary institutions and academic research institutions. She predominantly works on health-related proposals supporting a variety of investigators including physicians, nurse researchers, pharmacists, medical faculty, and basic scientists. Her areas of expertise include clinical and translational science, patient-centered outcomes research and program development and evaluation. Prior to coming to Hanover, Sarah accumulated a decade of grant writing experience at two large academic health sciences centers. While at Hanover, Sarah has added successful state and foundation proposals to her experience with agencies such as DOD, NIH, HRSA, PCORI, CDC, AHRQ, and ED.

For more information regarding Hanover's services, contact info@hanoverresearch.com

Examples of What to Disclose to NIH about Senior/Key Personnel on Applications and Awards:

Type of Activity	Report in Biosketch / Application	Report as Foreign Component in Application	Obtain Prior Approval and Report as Foreign Component in RPPR	Report as Other Support (JIT)	Report as Other Support (RPPR)	Review for potential FCOI
All positions and affiliations, including volunteer positions, relevant to the application	✓					✓ If personal payments to the individual
Relevant appointments at foreign institutions – even if labeled as “guest,” “adjunct,” “honorary,” with or without salary support	✓					✓ If personal payments to the individual
The number of person-months devoted to projects, even if there is no salary support or direct personal payments to the scientist				✓	✓ If new	
Income, salary, consulting fees, and honoraria in support of an individual's research endeavors				✓	✓ If new	✓
Participation in a foreign talent or similar-type programs				✓	✓ If new	✓
Ongoing and completed research projects from the past three years that the applicant wishes to highlight	✓					

All resources and other support, both domestic and foreign, for ongoing research projects, including those conducted at a different institution				✓	✓ If new	✓
In-kind contributions from domestic and foreign institutions or governments that support research activities				✓	✓ If new	✓
Performance of any significant part of an NIH project outside of the US, whether or not funds are expended		✓	✓ If new			
Post-doc, student, or visiting scholar supported by a foreign government or institution				✓	✓ If new	
Travel paid by a foreign institution or government over \$5,000 per year						✓
Financial interests received from a foreign Institution of higher education or a foreign government						✓