POST AWARD

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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SCIENCE RESEARCH EXPENDITURES BY FISCAL YEAR

2017: $14.1M
2018: $16.8M
2019: $17.2M
2020: $17.3M
2021: $15.9M
2022: $18.4M
ROLE OF POST AWARD STAFF

College Liaison
• Communicate between Principal Investigator/Departmental Staff and University Grants & Contracts Administration regarding financial & compliance matters relating to sponsored projects

Project Manager/Accountant
• Manage Fund 20 projects once number is assigned by Grants & Contracts Administration through the final close-out process

Auditor
• Point of contact for compliance issues (College, University, State Government, Federal Government, etc.)
• Provide supporting documentation to internal/external auditors
SCIENCE POST AWARD STAFF

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HOW OUR STAFF MAY ASSIST YOU

• Monitor award documents for compliance

• Oversee expenditures, budgets & balances

• Reconcile budget status reports of expenditures

• Process Proposal Change Form (Change in PI/Center Credit/PI-CoPI % of credit)

• Provide special financial reporting (if required by grant/GCA processes standard financial reports)
HOW OUR STAFF MAY ASSIST YOU

• Manage cost share accounts including budgeting, documenting, and reporting

• Process payroll/disbursement cost transfers & budget amendments if necessary

• Provide budget/balance updates & projections to Principal Investigator

• Coordinate with departmental staff

• Provide 3-month advance notice of project close-out status
HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR STAFF

• Provide as much information as possible in the Pre-Award Stage

• Spend according to project guidelines
  • Modifications may be necessary
  • Sponsor approval may be required

• Provide appropriate justification for all budget amendments & cost transfers
  • Payroll corrections over 90 days require Associate Dean & VPR approval

• Communicate with your department staff
**How you can support our staff**

- Provide backup documentation of expenditures to departmental staff

- Approve expenditures & subcontract invoices in a timely manner

- Submit international travel authorization forms for approval PRIOR to trip
  - *This includes Canada for export control purposes*
  - *Travel to Canada is NOT considered international for budgeting purposes*

- Submit technical reports as needed

- Always be mindful of compliance
SPONSORED PROJECT EXPENDITURES

Cost Factors Are:

- Reasonable
- Allowable
- Allocable
- Consistently Treated

Must Be Approved By PI or co-PI Via:
- Signature on Invoice/Receipt
- buyWays Workflow
- E-Mail
- Dept. Expenditure Request Form
UNIFORM GUIDANCE
ALLOWABLE COSTS

• Publication Costs
  • Up to 90 days after the end date

• Administrative/Clerical Costs
  • Allowable if integral part of the research project

• Computing Devices
  • Allowable with sponsor approval

All need to be included in proposed budget.
OMB Uniform Guidance effective 12/26/2014 for new projects
| Office Supplies | Entertainment Costs |
| Furniture       | Personal Goods      |
| Memberships & Dues | Gifts/Souvenirs  |
| Alcoholic Beverages | First Class Airfare |
AT PROJECT END

BEWARE of corrections processed after project end date!
Potential Audit Issues

• Purchasing equipment or stockpiling supplies during the last 90 days of a project

• Lack of consistency in assigning costs

• Unapproved International Travel

• Purchasing/charging items not directly related to project
Potential Audit Issues

- Effort reports do not reflect actual performance
- Excessive number of corrections/cost transfers or budget revisions
  - especially within 30 days prior to project end date or after the project end date
- No PI/Co-PI authorization of expenditures (signature or email is acceptable)
- No traveler and/or supervisor approval on travel reimbursement
  - [http://www.clemson.edu/finance/procurement/travel/employeeguidelines.html](http://www.clemson.edu/finance/procurement/travel/employeeguidelines.html)
Sponsored Compensation Verification

- OMB Uniform Guidance requires that universities account for the effort of employees paid from sponsored projects.

- CU Principal Investigators will use PeopleSoft-based application to certify effort for employees.
  - 2 times per year
  - Deadline notifications are sent via email
Sponsored Compensation Verification

- Only lead PIs will approve/modify reports
- Salary amounts rather than effort percentages will be displayed
- Navigation
  - Log in to PeopleSoft Financials
  - Main Menu > Sponsored Comp. Verification
Sponsored Compensation Verification

Salary = Time Commitment = Effort

Salary distribution reflects where effort is expended

Faculty/Department/College track fulfillment of proposed effort

Effort/Salary reduction > 25% requires sponsor approval
TECHNICAL REPORTS

• Send Copy of Transmittal Letter or Send Email for Technical Reports to the College Post-Award Office

• Delinquent Reports may result in:
  • Delayed Payments - Project expenditures may be frozen
  • Loss of New Awards
  • Delayed Award Modifications
FBIS
Faculty Business Information Systems

- Online Tool for Faculty (Can access through Clemson University Faculty/Staff website)
- Grants & Contracts Accounting
  - Immediate access to all sponsored research projects
  - Project information with approved start/end dates
  - Current budget and expenditure information (May not include current day)
  - Current payroll information
- Project Status
- Website Address: https://fbis.app.clemson.edu/
QUESTIONS