

Office of Research Streamlined Grants.gov & NSF Fastlane Review Procedures

Effective September 14, 2009, the Office of Research (O/R) will be implementing a streamlined review process for all proposals submitted through Grants.gov and all National Science Foundation (NSF) proposals submitted through NSF Fastlane. This streamlined review will incorporate a review of regulatory items and approved University indirect cost and fringe benefit rates. Budgetary items will be reviewed to ensure they are allowable under the sponsor's and University's guidelines and policies. All remaining aspects of the grant submission, including budget calculations, will be the responsibility of the submitting area/department. Any revisions that may be required will also be the responsibility of the submitting area/department. The O/R internal deadline for proposals under streamlined review is five business days before the deadline. This process is similar to the one utilized during the Stimulus/Challenge Grant deadline in April 2009.

Items that will be checked by the Office of Research include:

- Cover Page Information
- Individual items of cost reflected in the budget
- Application of fringe benefits and indirect costs rates
- All necessary compliance items such as IRB, IACUC, COI, ISER training etc.

For guidance on submitting proposals through Grants.gov and Fastlane, please see the following links from the Office of Research web page:

NIH and NSF Grants.gov

http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/proposal/grants.gov_pitt.html

NSF Fastlane

<http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/eralinks.html> (scroll down to National Science Foundation)

As a reminder, the O/R will not reject any Grants.gov application that was originally submitted without errors unless there was a systems problem with the transfer of the application from Grants.gov to the agency which results in inaccurate or garbled images. A detailed message regarding this matter was sent to the research community in July 2009.

The review process and internal deadlines for all other proposals remain the same. If you have any questions, please contact your grants and contracts administrator.

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