

Update from the Director

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Staffing Updates

- Ethan McGinnis, Administrative Assistant
- Aaron DeLee, Assistant Grants Officer



Proposal & Award Workflow Changes

- Moving forward with business process changes associated with both proposal and award workflow
- Will result in some increased work – on both sides
- Designed to increase transparency, accountability, and effectiveness

Award Workflow Changes

- Live in October
- Tracking of the award set-up process
- Process developed in InfoEd that will capture where award is in workflow
- Keep in mind that this process is focused on tracking awards *once an award is in place*
 - Unilateral award arrives
 - Bi-lateral or multi-lateral award is fully executed
- Metrics forthcoming

Proposal Workflow Changes

- Estimated “go-live” in January
- Tracking of the proposal process using
 - Admin Shell Route
 - Final Route
- *Significant* change in workflow associated with business processes for proposal review and submission
 - Consolidated review from OSR for admin shell review
- Dedicated brown bags in January

Standard Research Agreement

- Offers standard terms that Northwestern can endorse – expediting negotiation and time to award execution
- May be provided to collaborators before formal negotiations occur – can be found on website or obtained from contracting team or grants team
- Please use the most current version!

http://osr.northwestern.edu/sites/default/files/osr_standard_research_agreement_2015-10.pdf

SBIR/STTR Mechanisms

- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
- Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR)
- Increased federal scrutiny/enforcement
- Generally - requirement that SBC performs at least 40% of the R&D, and primary partnering research institution at least 30% of the R&D – STTR
- Primary employment of PI on small business side – SBIRs
- Confirmation of fundamental research
- Session at next QN!

OSR-Evanston Early Closing
Friday, December 4th
12:00pm

OSR-Evanston Holiday Open House
Friday, December 11th
2:00pm-4:00pm



Questions?