

NIH Announces Changes

Specific notices regarding changes in NIH requirements for proposal applications, progress reports, prior approval requests, electronic submitted applications, and forms can be found in the April 7, 2006 issue of the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/WeeklyIndex.cfm>

The following is an overview of the information from these notices. Changes are in effect for applications submitted as of May 10, 2006 and thereafter and progress/final reports submitted on/after June 1, 2006:

The signature of the PI will no longer be required on a submitted application or a progress/final report. Instead, USF must ask each PI to sign and date an assurance regarding the content of their application or progress/final reports. This assurance must be kept on file and made available for review by Federal officials upon request.

NIH will now require person effort devoted to a project be calculated in person months instead of percent time on the detailed budget page, key personnel report, budget justification, and other support forms.

Publications in press are now just to be listed with a link to the publicly available on-line journal article or the NIH PubMed Central. Accepted and published manuscripts can still be submitted.

The Face Page of the application (item 3h) must now include the PI's eRA Commons User Name.

The Research Plan now includes a new section to obtain information on Select Agent Research (when applicable).

The Resource Format Page will now request information on bio-containment resource availability (when applicable).

The Biographical sketch format is still a total of four pages but the two-page subsection limit for sections A & B has been eliminated.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to use only a single-column format for all text sections of the NIH application.

If no Human Subjects are involved in the research, the Research Plan no longer needs to include a section on Protection of Human Subjects.

Prior to submitting any future NIH application and report, PI's should fill out the **NIH Proposal Certification Form** and submit a copy to OSP. Thanks.

Contact OSP if you have any questions about your NIH submission: X5203