

# Fogarty International Center

## M213: Review NIH Grants Policy for Grants to Foreign Institutions, International Organizations and Domestic Grants with Foreign Components

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# Presentation Topics

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- **Frequently Asked Questions on NIH Foreign Grants**
- **Case studies**
- **Policy Change – Highlights**

# Frequently Asked Questions on NIH Foreign Grants

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**Which assurances and public policy requirements are applicable to foreign institutions?**

- Section 16.4 of the NIH Grants Policy Statement provides detailed information about assurances and [Public Policy Requirements and Objectives](#) as they relate to foreign organizations.

# Frequently Asked Questions on NIH Foreign Grants

## Public policy requirements that are applicable to foreign institutions:

- **Research Misconduct.** The research misconduct requirements included in Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Research Misconduct apply to foreign grants.
- **Animal Welfare.** The animal welfare requirements contained in Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Animal Welfare apply to foreign grants, regard-less of the requirements of the home country.
- **Human Subjects.** The human subjects requirements contained in Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Human Subjects Protections, including the requirement for an assurance pursuant to 45 CFR 46, apply to foreign grants and foreign consortium participants under domestic or foreign grants.
- **Financial Conflict of Interest.** The financial conflict of interest requirements contained in Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates— Financial Conflict of Interest apply to foreign grants.
- **Inclusiveness in Research Design.** Foreign grants are subject to the requirements for inclusion of women, minorities, and children in research design as specified in Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Inclusion of Children as Subjects in Clinical Research and Inclusion of Women and Minorities as Subjects in Clinical Research and Reporting Sex/Gender and Racial and Ethnic Participation.
- **Civil Rights.** The civil rights requirements specified in Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Civil Rights do not apply to foreign grants.
- **Lobbying.** The requirements of Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Lobbying Prohibition, including disclosure reporting, apply to foreign grants.
- **Debt.** Foreign applicants are required to provide a certification of nondelinquency on debts owed to the United States as specified in Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Nondelinquency on Federal Debt.
- **Debarment and Suspension.** Applicants/recipients that are foreign governments or governmental entities, public international organizations, or foreign-government-owned or -controlled (in whole or in part) entities are not subject to the debarment or suspension certification requirement or to debarment or suspension under 2 CFR 376. All other foreign organizations and international organizations are subject to these requirements. See Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Debarment and Suspension for additional information on this requirement.
- **Drug-Free Workplace.** Foreign applicants and recipients may be exempted from the drug-free workplace requirements of 2 CFR 182 based on a documented finding by the NIH awarding IC that application of those requirements is inconsistent with U.S. international obligations or the laws and regulations of a foreign government. See Public Policy Requirements, Objectives, and Other Appropriation Mandates—Drug-Free Workplace for additional information on this requirement.

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## **May foreign institutions submit modular budgets?**

- No. The detailed budget format is required for foreign institutions to allow NIH staff to assist with applicable regulatory and policy requirements for grant funding expenditures; therefore, modular budgets are not allowed from foreign institutions. However, domestic institutions with a foreign subcontract may use the modular budget format.

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### **Are Federal Financial Reports (FFRs) required annually for SNAP awards to foreign institutions?**

- No. In accordance with "Notice of Changes to Policies and Procedures for FY2013 NIH Awards to Foreign Institutions" ([NOT-OD-12-139](#)), [Federal Financial Reports \(FFRs\)](#), formally called Financial Status Reports (FSRs), are no longer required annually for SNAP awards issued after October 1, 2012 to foreign institutions. A final FFR is required only at the end of a competitive segment.

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## How do foreign institutions receive grant funds?

- Awards made on or after October 1, 2012 will now be paid through the Payment Management System (PMS).
- The instructions for requesting access to the Payment Management System can be found at <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/access-newuser.html>. Once you have access to the Payment Management System, you can submit the banking information.
- The instructions for submitting your banking information can be found at <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/banking-add-change.html> .
- If your User ID currently does not have the privilege to add or change banking information, please login to PMS and click on the Account Maintenance menu node. The instructions for changing access privileges can be found at the following URL: <https://pms.psc.gov/grant-recipients/access-changes.html>.
- Please contact Thuy Tran with any questions about your PMS account by phone at (301) 492-4985 or by email at [thuy.tran@psc.hhs.gov](mailto:thuy.tran@psc.hhs.gov).

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## What do grantees do with interest earned on grant funds?

All grantees are required to maintain advances of grant funds in an interest bearing account.

The [Funding and Payment](#) policy as it applies to foreign institutions is that interest earned in excess of US\$500 per year in the aggregate on advances of Federal funds must be returned by reimbursement check to the NIH Office of Financial Management (OFM), and reflected on the annual Federal Financial Report (FFR).

Refer to the NIH Grants Policy Statement for the general policy on [Interest Earned on Advances of Grants Funds](#), regardless of foreign or domestic status.

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## What is program income?

Program income is gross income earned by a grantee, a consortium participant, or a contractor under a grant that was directly generated by the grant-supported activity or earned as a result of the award. Program income includes, but is not limited to:

- Income from fees for services performed;
- Charges for the use or rental of real property,
- Equipment or supplies acquired under the grant;
- The sale of commodities or items fabricated under an award;
- Charges for research resources;
- Registration fees for grant-supported conferences, and
- License fees and royalties on patents and copyrights.

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**Do I need NIH prior approval for all budget or project changes no matter how minor?**

NIH prior approval is not required to rebudget funds for any direct cost item that the applicable cost principles identify as requiring the Federal awarding agency's prior approval, unless the incurrence of costs is associated with or is considered to be a change in scope.

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## **Do one need Prior Approval for Extension of Final Budget Period of a Previously Approved Project Period without Additional NIH Funds?**

The recipient may extend the final budget period of the previously approved project period one time for a period of up to 12 months beyond the original completion date shown in the NoA if:

- no term of award specifically prohibits the extension,
- no additional funds are required to be obligated by the NIH awarding IC, and
- the project's originally approved scope will not change.
- Any additional project period extension requires NIH prior approval.

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## **What is the NIH policy concerning the transfer of a grant to or between foreign institutions?**

All requests for [changes of grantee organizations](#) require NIH prior approval regardless of whether the institutions involved are foreign or domestic.

A change of grantee organization that involves the transfer of a grant to or between foreign institutions or international organizations requires approval by the appropriate NIH Institute or Center's Grants Management Officer and approval of the Institute or Center's Advisory Council/Board.

A change of grantee organization that involves the transfer of a grant from a foreign organization to a domestic organization requires only the approval of the Grants Management Officer.

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**Is NIH prior approval required for adding a new foreign consortium or subcontract to a project**

Yes. Adding a new foreign consortium or subcontract always requires prior approval. Refer to the NIH Grants Policy Statement for more details about the [transfer of the "Performance of Substantive Programmatic Work" to a third party by means of a consortium agreement.](#)

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## **May a grant with multiple Principal Investigators (PIs) be changed to a single PI?**

- Yes. In rare cases and with appropriate justification, a request to change from multiple PIs to a single PI (or vice versa) may be approved. The NIH Grants Policy Statement offers more information about [Multiple Program Direct/Principle Investigator Applications and Awards](#).

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## What is the audit requirements for foreign recipients?

- Foreign recipients are subject to the same audit requirements as for-profit organizations (specified in 45 CFR 75.501(h))
- A for-profit organization is required to have a non-Federal audit if, during its fiscal year, it expended a total of \$750,000 or more under one or more HHS award (as a direct recipient or consortium participant).

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**Case studies on awards with  
foreign component and direct  
foreign awards**

# Case study on Eligibility

**Grantee Organization from East Asia submitted application from the East Asia Institution. They also have offices in Africa.**

**The call for application was limited for African institutions**

**Can they do this?**

**We were not able to resolve and they lost the application and opportunity, but it does address how we view universities with foreign branches.**

# Case study on Eligibility

**Somewhat similar issue with new malaria research training grant in Myanmar. M University PIs wanted to train Myanmar students at M University satellite campus in Country B.**

**Lots of US universities are setting up satellite campus in other countries as well. During application you need to be clear where you are going to run the training program.**

# Case study on Prior Approval

**The parent grantee from the SW submits budget and budget justification for Trainee A, current trainee that will be receiving his stipend through GU Uganda.**

**The parent grantee will be issuing a subaward to B University in US.**

**B University will be initiating a 2nd tier sub to GU Uganda to pay Trainee A 's stipend and research funds.**

**B University will be receiving no administrative funds as shown in the budget justification, just paying stipends and managing research funds for affiliated trainees.**

# Case study on Prior Approval

- **There is no separate approval process for a sub under a sub. But being a foreign site we checked to make sure that GU Uganda is an active site for this grant.**
- **SW and B University should make sure that the policies and procedures are in place at GU Uganda.**

# Case study on Prior Approval to carryover funds

On behalf of Dr. J, PI on grant with C University is requesting carry-forward of **\$47,470** from year 5 into year 6 Competing renewal.

The request included a letter signed by Dr. J and Ms. G, Senior Director of Research Administration, as well as detailed budget breakdowns.

# Case study on Prior Approval to carryover funds

- The award has automatic carryover authority. So the \$47,470 from one Document period has already been rolled into the competing renewal new document period Year 6 Type 2 award from year 5.
- But it is important to add a note in the Final FFR in Year 5 that the unobligated balance needs to be carried over to the Type 2 award.
- Does not need prior approval in this case.

# Case study on NCE for Administrative Supplement

- **Grantee request for a NCE on the Administrative Supplement.**
- **What do you think?**

# Case study on NCE for Administrative Supplement

- **You don't need NCE specifically on an admin supplement.**
- **It rolls into your base, so you would need NCE on the parent grant.**
- **If you need instructions for how to request for the grant itself please contact us.**

# Case study on exceeding Personnel Costs

Grantee requested for Personnel Costs to exceed 25% of the Total Direct Cost Restriction Cap according to PAR/RFA.

This is an example where prior approval is needed to exceed the personnel cost limitation set forth by PAR/RFA.

# Case study on exceeding Personnel Costs

- The NCE request started that due to a cyclone, part of the country was devastated.
- During NCE the grantee needs additional salary support to complete the project.
- We have reviewed and approved the request to exceed personnel cost over the 25% of total direct cost due to special circumstance, during the first NCE time period



# Policy Change – Highlights

# Reminders on NIH policy on Other support Financial Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Components

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Notice Number: NOT-OD-19-114

- This is to remind the extramural community about the need to report foreign activities through documentation of other support, foreign components, and financial conflict of interest to prevent scientific, budgetary, or commitment overlap.
- These regulations do not, however, apply to Phase I Small Business Innovative Research and Small Business Technology Transfer applications or awards.

# Reminders on NIH policy on Other support Financial Conflicts of Interest and Foreign Components

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## NIH applicants must:

- List all positions and scientific appointments both domestic and foreign held by senior/key personnel that are relevant to an application including affiliations with foreign entities or governments.
- This includes titled academic, professional, or institutional appointments whether or not remuneration is received, and whether full-time, part-time, or voluntary (including adjunct, visiting, or honorary).
- Information must be provided about all current support for ongoing projects, irrespective of whether such support is provided through the applicant organization, through another domestic or foreign organization, or is provided directly to an individual that supports the senior/key personnel's research efforts.

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- Report all current projects and activities that involve senior/key personnel, even if the support received is only in-kind (e.g. office/laboratory space, equipment, supplies, employees).
- All research resources including, but not limited to, foreign financial support, research or laboratory personnel, lab space, scientific materials, selection to a foreign “talents” or similar-type program, or other foreign or domestic support must be reported.
- Provide the total award amount for the entire award period covered (including facilities and administrative costs), as well as the number of person-months (or partial person-months) per year to be devoted to the project by the senior/key personnel involved.
- All pending support at the time of application submission and prior to award must be reported using “Just-in-Time Procedures” by providing all information indicated above.
- 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.

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## **Foreign Components**

NIH requires recipients to determine whether activities it supports include a foreign component, defined as: The existence of any “significant scientific element or segment of a project” outside of the United States:

**Performance of work by a researcher or recipient in a foreign location, whether or not NIH grant funds are expended**

**and/or**

**Performance of work by a researcher in a foreign location employed or paid for by a foreign organization, whether or not NIH grant funds are expended**

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## Financial Conflict of Interest

This notice also reminds the extramural community of the requirements in 42 CFR Part 50, Subpart F, Objectivity of Research. This regulation, also known as the FCOI regulation, specifies the minimum requirements for investigators to disclose to their institution their significant financial interests. As outlined previously in [NOT-OD-18-160](#), the requirement to disclose includes financial interests received from a foreign entity. This requirement is distinct and in addition to the reporting of other support and foreign components to the NIH.

The FCOI regulation acknowledges that an applicant/recipient's policy on financial conflicts of interest may have standards that are more stringent than those in the regulation, e.g., that require a more extensive disclosure of financial interests, in which case the [institution](#) shall adhere to its policy and shall provide FCOI reports to NIH regarding identified financial conflicts of interest in accordance with its own standards and with the protocol specified in the regulation.

[FAQs - Other Support and Foreign Components](#)

# Requirement for ORCID iDs for Individuals Supported by Research Training, Fellowship, Research Education, and Career Development Awards Beginning in FY 2020

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Notice Number: NOT-OD-19-109

- ORCID iDs (Open Researcher and Contributor Identifiers) beginning in FY 2020
- NIH, AHRQ, and CDC announce that individuals supported by research training, fellowship, research education, and career development awards will be required to have ORCID iDs (Open Researcher and Contributor Identifiers) beginning in FY 2020.
- ORCID iDs are unique, persistent digital identifiers that distinguish individual investigators and can be used to connect researchers with their contributions to science over time and across changes of name, location, and institutional affiliation. These free identifiers are assigned and maintained by the non-profit organization [ORCID](https://orcid.org/).

# Requirement for ORCID iDs for Individuals Supported by Research Training, Fellowship, Research Education, and Career Development Awards Beginning in FY 2020

- NIH introduced the option for PD/PIs and other users to associate an ORCID identifier with their eRA Commons Personal Profile in 2017

## Implementation

- In October 2019, the requirement for ORCID identifiers will be incorporated into the appointment process for trainees, scholars, and participants supported by institutional research training, career development, and research education awards that require appointments through the xTrain system, including the following:
  - T03, T15, T32, T34, T35, T37, T42, T90/R90, TL1, TL4, TU2, K12/KL2, R25, R38, RL5, RL9
  - At the time of appointment, the xTrain system will check whether appointees have ORCID iDs and appointments will not be accepted for agency review unless an ORCID iD is linked to the individual's eRA Commons Personal Profile.
  - **Beginning with receipt dates on or after January 25, 2020**, the requirement for ORCID identifiers will be enforced at the time of application for individual fellowship and career development awards, including the following:
    - F05, F30, F31, F32, F33, F37, F38, F99/K00, FI2, K01, K02, K05, K07, K08, K18, K22, K23, K24, K25, K26, K38, K43, K76, K99/R00
    - eRA system validations will check whether applicants have ORCID iDs and applications will not be accepted unless an ORCID iD is linked to the PD/PI's eRA Commons Personal Profile.
    - At this time, prospective applicants for individual fellowship and career development awards are encouraged to follow the [ORCID link from their Personal Profiles in the eRA Commons](#), where they can either link their eRA profiles to existing ORCID accounts or [create ORCID profiles](#) and link them back to the eRA Commons. Similarly, PD/PIs of institutional research training, career development and research education awards are urged to begin alerting potential appointees to do the same.

# Required Use of the xTRACT System to Prepare Data Tables for Training Grant Research Performance Progress Reports in FY 2020

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Notice Number: NOT-OD-19-108

- Beginning with RPPRs due on or after October 1, 2019 (FY 2020), recipients must create the required training data tables for submission with NIH and AHRQ T15, T32, T90/R90, and TL1 progress reports via the xTRACT system.
- System validations in the RPPR module will check to ensure that uploaded PDFs of the data tables were created via xTRACT, and users will not be able to submit RPPRs that are not in compliance.
- Guidance on preparing the required tables for the RPPR are available in the [xTRACT User Guide](#) and on the [Data Tables](#) website.

# Notification of Upcoming Change in Federal-wide Unique Entity Identifier Requirements

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- **Notice Number: NOT-OD-19-098**
- The purpose of this Guide Notice is to alert NIH recipients of the Federal-wide transition from the DUN and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) to a new Government-owned unique entity identifier (UEI). Effective December 2020, the system for Award Management (SAM) will become the central repository for the new SAM Managed Identifier (SAMMI) that will be incorporated into an institution's SAM registration.
- The assignment of the SAMMI will be incorporated into the SAM registration process, eliminating the need for applicants to seek external identifiers in order to register.
- The transition from DUNS to SAMMI is ongoing, and GSA will provide details to agencies related to the full implementation by December 2020. NIH will provide updates and guidance to recipients on changes to policies and procedures as additional information becomes available.

# Notice of Clarification Regarding Harassment and Discrimination Protections in NIH Training Applications

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- **Notice Number: NOT-OD-19-056**
- The purpose of this notice is to clarify that the information regarding an institutional commitment to ensuring that proper policies, procedures, and oversight are in place to prevent discriminatory harassment and other discriminatory practices is to be included in the same letter with the information about the applicant institutional commitment to the planned program
- This is applicable to all applications for National Institutes of Health (NIH) institutional training grants (T15, T32, T34, T35, T36, T37, T90/R90, TL1, TL4) submitted for due dates on or after January 25, 2019.

# Streamlining the Certifications and Representations Process and Phasing out the SF-424B

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## Notice Number: NOT-OD-19-043

- The purpose of this Guide Notice is to alert recipients of the Federal-wide effort to streamline the certifications and representations (assurances) process by incorporating them into the System for Award Management (SAM). Effective January 1, 2020, SAM will become the central repository for common government-wide certifications and representations required of NIH applicants and recipients.
- **REMINDER:** Each registered entity must renew and revalidate its SAM registration at least every 12 months from the date previously registered to maintain an active status in SAM. If registration is not renewed, it will expire. An expired registration affects an applicants ability to apply for or receive NIH awards

# Guidance on Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements FY 2019

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- The salary cap for FY 2019 did not change and remains set at Executive Level II (\$192,300)
- OPM normally releases its new salary levels in January.

# NIH Enforcement of Closeout Policies

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- NIH is committed to addressing and reducing grant closeout delays and to enhance compliance with HHS regulations and policies, and the GONE Act.
- NIH will strictly enforce its closeout policies. When recipients fail to submit timely reports, NIH will initiate unilateral closeout.
- It is important to note that for financial closeout, if a recipient fails to submit a final expenditure FFR, HHS policy directs NIH to close the grant using the last accepted Federal Cash Transaction Report's cash drawdown amount.
- This could be considered a debt or result in disallowed costs.

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- In addition, failure to correct recurring reporting problems may cause NIH to take one or more actions that may include, but are not limited to, corrective actions, withholding of further awards, suspension or termination.
- NIH recipients must submit Final Federal Financial Report (FFR), Final Research Performance Progress Report (F-RPPR), and Final Invention Statement and Certification (FIS) within 120 calendar days of the end of the period of performance (project period), The reports become overdue the day after the 120 calendar day period ends.

# Reminder for Foreign Applicants

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- **Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**
- **Registration Requirements**
- **System for Award Management (SAM), FAQ's**

# Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

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- Review Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for Eligibility
  - Foreign Institutions may or may not be eligible
  - Foreign components may not be allowed
  - Foreign components may or may not be required
  - Foreign applicants required to submit detailed budgets
- Contact NIH program staff – **START EARLY**

## Registration Requirements



### **Applicant organizations must complete one-time only registration.**

- Principal Investigators do not need to register with **Grants.gov**
- Good for electronic submission to all Federal agencies

Detailed instructions at: [http://grants.gov/applicants/get\\_registered.jsp](http://grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp)

- Grants.gov registration requires institutions to: Obtain a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number
- SAM (\* New organizations should allow **extra time for this step**)

**Registration not required to find funding opportunity or download application package, only to submit completed application**

## Registration Requirements: eRA Commons



- Applicant institutions must complete one-time only registration.
  - Principal Investigators (PIs) must work through their institutions to register. The PI must hold a PI account and be affiliated with the applicant organization.
  - PIs currently registered only for Internet Assisted Review (IAR) must work through their institutions for full eRA Commons registration.
- PI and Signing Official (SO) need separate accounts in eRA Commons because each has different privileges.
- See <http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/preparing.htm> for additional information

# Foreign Inst. interested in conducting business with the United States (U.S.) Federal Government must complete the following



## How to Obtain A Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE)/North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) CAGE (NCAGE) Code:

**Companies located outside the U.S.:** [http://www.dlis.dla.mil/Forms/Form\\_AC135.asp](http://www.dlis.dla.mil/Forms/Form_AC135.asp)

1. Register with [NATO Support Agency \(NSPA\)](#)
2. If you wish to do business with the U.S. you must:
  - a. Register with [Dun & Bradstreet \(D&B\)](#).
  - b. Register with [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#).
  - c. Review [Business Identification Number Cross-reference System \(BINCS\)](#):  
a search engine (help with SAM registration) for foreign and domestic manufacturers, suppliers and potential contractors supporting the Federal supply chain.

## Companies located in the U.S.:

1. Register with [Dun & Bradstreet \(D&B\)](#).
2. Register with [System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#).

**Note:** Approximately 4-5 business days after your SAM application is approved, NCAGE/CAGE Codes will be assigned and delivered by e-mail.

3. Review [Business Identification Number Cross-reference System \(BINCS\)](#), a search engine for foreign and domestic manufacturers, suppliers and potential contractors supporting the Federal supply chain.

U.S. territories (Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Northern Mariana Islands, etc.) will be assigned by the U.S and must register in SAM.

# HELPFUL RESOURCES

# Please let us know if you have any other questions!

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- Mollie Shea
  - [Mollie.Shea@nih.gov](mailto:Mollie.Shea@nih.gov)
  - 301-451-6830
- Satabdi Raychowdhury
  - [Satabdi.Raychowdhury@nih.gov](mailto:Satabdi.Raychowdhury@nih.gov)
  - 301-496-9750

# References and Links

## GENERAL: NIH, FIC, AND FOREIGN GRANTS:

- **NIH Office of Extramural Research (OER) webpage:** <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm>
- NIH OER Information for Foreign Applicants and Grantees: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/foreign/>
- eRA Commons User Guides: [http://era.nih.gov/commons/user\\_guide.cfm](http://era.nih.gov/commons/user_guide.cfm)
- FIC and Foreign Funding Opportunities: <http://www.fic.nih.gov/Funding/Pages/default.aspx>
- Fogarty Funding New Emails: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNIHFIC/subscriber/new>
- FIC Foreign Grant Information: <http://www.fic.nih.gov/Grants/Pages/Foreign.aspx>
- FIC FAQs for FIC and Foreign Awards: <http://www.fic.nih.gov/Grants/Pages/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>
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- NIH Application Submission Tips for International Applicants: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/files/Tips\\_for\\_International\\_Applicants.pdf](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/ElectronicReceipt/files/Tips_for_International_Applicants.pdf)

## RPPR:

- NIH OER RPPR Webpage: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/rppr/>
- FIC Progress Report Guidance: <http://www.fic.nih.gov/Grants/Pages/progress-reports.aspx>

## PUBLIC ACCESS:

- NIH Public Access Policy: <http://publicaccess.nih.gov/index.htm>
- Non-English Guides to PubMed: <http://nnlm.gov/training/resources/intlpubmedlinks.html>

# References and Links

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## PAYMENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

- Use available resources:
  - Foreign and U.S. colleagues with experience
  - Self-help web portal: <http://www.psc.gov/one-dhhs>
  - PMS FAQs:  
<https://dpm-portal.psc.gov/Welcome.aspx?pt=DPM>
  - Program Support Center:
  - Paperwork and account questions:
    - US Institutions refer to your PMS accountant
    - Foreign Institutions refer to [Raynette.Robinson@psc.hhs.gov](mailto:Raynette.Robinson@psc.hhs.gov); (301) 492-4938
  - Helpdesk:
    - Email: [PMSSupport@psc.gov](mailto:PMSSupport@psc.gov)
    - Phone: (877) 614-5533
    - Hours: Monday – Friday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

# Points of Contact

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- General NIH Application Questions:
  - E-Mail: [GrantsInfo@nih.gov](mailto:GrantsInfo@nih.gov)
  - Phone: 301-435-0714
- Grants.gov Customer Support:
  - E-Mail: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
  - Webpage: <http://grants.gov/>
  - Phone: 800-518-4726
- eRA Commons Helpdesk:
  - Web: <http://era.nih.gov/help/>
  - Toll-free: 1-866-504-9552
  - Phone: 301-402-7469
  - Hours: Mon-Fri, 7a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

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- NIH Division of Grants Policy:
  - E-Mail: [GrantsPolicy@mail.nih.gov](mailto:GrantsPolicy@mail.nih.gov)
  - Phone: 301-435-0949
- NIH Division of Grants Compliance and Oversight:
  - E-Mail: [GrantsCompliance@mail.nih.gov](mailto:GrantsCompliance@mail.nih.gov)
  - Phone: 301-435-0949
- SAM.gov HelpDesk- The Federal Service Desk:
  - Webpage/Electronic Helpdesk Ticket: <https://fsd.gov/fsd-gov/home.do>
  - **U.S. Calls:** 866-606-8220
  - **International Calls:** 334-206-7828
  - **DSN:** 866-606-8220
  - Hours: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

