

Summary of NIH Changes- December 7, 2016			
Topic	Effective Date	Summary of Change	NIH Notice
Rigor and Transparency	25-Jan-16	For most research grants and RPPRs, application requirements and review language to enhance reproducibility of research findings through increased scientific rigor and transparency.	NOT-OD-16-011
	25-May-16	For Institutional training and individual fellowships.	NOT-OD-16-011
Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources	25-Jan-16	For research grants, use of a new "Authentication of Key Biological and/or Chemical Resources" attachment (uploaded in Other Attachments section of R&R Other Project Information form)	NOT-OD-16-011
	25-May-16	For Institutional training and individual fellowships.	NOT-OD-16-011
Vertebrate Animals	25-Jan-16	Simplified instructions and review criteria for Vertebrate Animal Section. Removes redundancy with Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee review. Does not apply to AHRQ.	NOT-OD-16-006
Definition of Child	25-Jan-16	For the purposes of NIH's inclusion policy , a child is under 18 years instead of under 21 years.	NOT-OD-16-010
Inclusion Form	25-May-16	A new single Inclusion Enrollment Report form to replace the Planned and the Cumulative Inclusion Enrollment Report forms.	NOT-OD-16-004
Data Safety and Monitoring Plans	25-May-16	A separate attachment to emphasize the importance and facilitate systematic enforcement of the Data Safety and Monitoring Plan.	NOT-OD-16-004
Research Training	25-May-16	Changes to the Research Training Data Table Format minimizing the reporting of individual-level information. Extending the tracking of trainee outcomes from 10 to 15 years. Piloting Tables created from the xTRACT system. Applies to RPPRs as of Dec. 2015, and Applications due May 25, 2016 or later.	NOT-OD-16-007
Assignment Request Form	25-May-16	New optional Assignment Request form Requests for assignment to an Institute/Center and/or a Scientific Review Group, potential reviewers in conflict, and scientific expertise needed in reviewers.	NOT-OD-16-008
Font Guidelines	25-May-16	Additional flexibility regarding the allowable fonts. 11 points or larger. Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype or Georgia.	NOT-OD-16-009
Biosketch Clarifications	25-May-16	URL for a publication list is optional but must be a government website (like My Bibliography); Publications (peer-reviewed and non peer-reviewed) can be cited in both the personal statement and the contributions to science section.	NOT-OD-16-004
Reduced Effort in No Cost Extension	1-Dec-15	Reducing effort in a No Cost Extension does not require NIH prior approval.	NIH Grants Policy 2016, 8.1.1.3