BUMC Research Town Meeting

January 28, 2013
Funding Update

• NIH: still on continuing resolution
  – continuing grants @ 90%, reduced paylines
• Budget Control Act, 2011
  – Flat NIH budget
  – Sequestration: 7.6% - 17.5% reduction
• Continuing pressures on NIH budget
  – 1998 – 2011: applications up from 25K to 50K
  – 1998 – 2011: applicants up from 19K to 32K
Funding Update

• Additional reviews prior to funding
  – for all faculty with >$1M in grants (direct)
  – Certain “gain of function” experiments (currently H5N1)

• Issues that can impact awards
  – Not meeting new COI guidelines
  – Not meeting new Public Access Policies on publications
Independent Contractor vs Employee

• New guidelines for faculty and staff who engage anyone who performs services
  – consultants on grants
  – Program external advisory committee members

• forms
  – worker classification pre-qualifying questionnaire
  – External service provider form and contract (one-time service for <30 days and $10,000)
NIH GRANT PREPARATION WORKSHOP:

A workshop for new investigators about putting together administrative portions of a grant and the NIH review panel.

Tuesday, February 26th
3:00 - 4:30pm
R-115

Presenters:

Renna Lilly, Office of Proposal Development
Garo Stone-Derhagopian, Office of Sponsored Programs
Carter Cornwall, Study Section Reviewer

*Investigators interested in attending interactive critique sessions for their grants are required to attend this workshop in order to be eligible for the sessions on:

Tuesday, April 3rd
Wednesday, April 4th
Shared Instrumentation Grants

• Next SIG application date (March 21, 2013)

• If you are considering submitting a SIG
  – www.bumc.bu.edu; other useful links and fill out “intent to submit form”
  – Core advisory committee review, report to Provost
    • Alerting BUMC faculty, staff of plans for SIGs
    • Helping improve applications
    • Providing adequate support for most meritorious
Research Updates: NEIDL

• Supplemental ROD from NIH posted on January 02, 2013
• Begun the permitting process
• Once these are completed will be seeking permission to add BSL-3 space to our existing permits (BPHC, CDC for select agents)
• Court cases
Research Updates: animal facilities

• Going forward with rederivation of all mouse strains; deadlines:
  – April 30 for 670 (1 investigator to go)
  – June 30 for W9
  – Nov 30 for W8; subsidized rederivations end

• Consolidating rodent imaging/testing cores

• Adding “2-way” rodent room

• Preparing to build a zebrafish facility (spring)
Research Updates: core facilities

www.bumc.bu.edu/cores; www.bu.edu/cores

• Flow Cytometry Core
  – Will be moving in next 4-8 weeks to consolidate instrumentation, allow 1 sorter operator to run both sorters
  – Adding new services (panel design)
  – Expanded consulting activities

• High field NMR-MRI core
  – New console, upgraded software
Research Updates: Emergency Preparedness

• Systematic review of incidents that could impact research

• Examples:
  – How to identify impacted individuals and contact information (RIMS?)
  – Freezers
  – Computers and data: stored locally or accessible remotely?
  – Could you get home?
Research Updates

• Established a “New Faculty Advisory Committee”
  – Animal pathology services
  – Biostatistics support
Web sites of interest

- www.bumc.bu.edu/research
- www.bumc.bu.edu/expertise
- Profiles-ctsi.bu.edu
- Please send science photos, suggestions, etc. to: aprbumc@bu.edu