

NewsFlash!

Announcement: The federal government recently implemented changes in Bayh-Dole regulations that affects new federal awards issued on or after **May 14, 2018**. The changes clarify certain definitions, reduce compliance burdens, address co-inventions between funding recipients and federal agencies, and simplify the electronic reporting process. As a result of these changes, USC must assure that all students, staff (except clerical) and faculty paid from federal funding sign a written agreement to:

- Assign all inventions resulting from federally funded research to the University
- Promptly disclose inventions to the University

The University is currently in the process of implementing a standard attestation for all paid project personnel to review and sign electronically. Upon implementation, individuals paid from the award will be contacted to complete the attestation. Under the new regulation, it will be impossible for USC to provide financial support from new federal awards if employees have not signed the attestation.

Additionally, as part of the award setup process, The Department of Contracts and Grants (DCG) will be highlighting every new or renewal federal award issued on or after May 14, 2018 in which these new regulations are applicable. With regard to policy updates, currently The National Science Foundation (NSF) is the only federal agency that has updated their [policies](#) to reflect these new changes. We expect various other federal agencies (NIH, DOD, DARPA, ONR etc.) to implement forthcoming revisions into the policy guides in the near future and will update the campus community when these changes occur.

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact your [DCG Officer](#) in the Department of Contracts and Grants.