

NewsFlash!

Announcement: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced the publication of the revised [NIH Grants Policy Statement](#). This revision is applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods beginning on or after **October 1, 2018**. Previous versions of the NIHGPS remain applicable as a standard term and condition for all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods that began prior to October 1, 2018.

While the update does not introduce any new material for the first time, it incorporates new and modified requirements, clarifies certain policies, and implements changes in statutes, regulations, and policies that have been implemented through appropriate legal and/or policy processes since the previous version of the NIHGPS (dated October 2017). The 10/01/2018 revision supersedes, in its entirety, the NIH Grants Policy Statement (October 2017) as a standard term and condition of the award.

Summary of Significant Changes

Section	Significant Change
Chapter 1 – Glossary	Micro-purchase Threshold definition – updated micro-purchase threshold to \$10,000.
Chapter 4 – Public Policy Requirements, Objectives and Other Appropriation Mandates	Section 4.1.15.11, NIH Policy on the Use of a Single Institutional Review Board for Multi-Site Research, added.
Chapter 7 – Cost Consideration	7.4 Reimbursement of Facilities and Administrative Costs. Updated to more clearly state the existing requirement that if a consortium is with a for-profit entity, such as a small business, the organization must have a an established F&A cost rate before they can charge F&A costs.
Chapter 8 – Administrative Requirements	8.1.2.11 Provide Subawards Based on Fixed Amounts. Updated to note the distinction between fixed amount subawards and fixed rate agreements.
Chapter 11 - Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards	11.3.3.4 Recruitment Plan to Enhance Diversity. Updated to reflect updated Diversity Statement.

A full summary of significant changes to the NIHGPS can be found [here](#).

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the [Contracts and Grants Officer](#) assigned to your unit.