

Research Administrator's Forum

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Topics

- **OIG Audit Update**
- **Technical Reports**
- **Mileage & Travel Reminders**
- **New Training Grant Guidelines**
- **PCT's on Expired Funds**
- **Other Issues**

OIG Update

- Continuous on-site fieldwork since 9/25/06.
- Sample contains 30 PI's
- Reviewing PARs for FY 2002 through 2005
- OIG is very active
 - Issued six audit reports since 2/06
 - Four on-going audits

Technical Report

- PI must submit final technical report within 90 days of project end date.
- Final Invention Statement and/or Patent Report is also due within 90 days.
- Refer to WU's Financial Reporting Guidelines at:
http://www.spa.wustl.edu/adminpol/reporting_guide.pdf

Mileage

- **Business Travel** – expenses incurred by faculty, staff and students while on authorized University business.
 - Through 12/31/06, 44.5 cents/mile
 - **Effective 1/1/07, 48.5 cents/mile**
- **Medical Travel** – expenses incurred as a patient or a subject participating in a research study.
 - Through 12/31/06, 18 cents/mile
 - **Effective 1/1/07, 20 cents/mile**

U.S. Flag Air Carriers

- Applicable to air travel to/from the US and another country that is funded by federal grants and contracts.
- Must utilize U.S. flag air carrier (or service provided under a code share agreement with foreign carrier), **regardless of cost, convenience or personal preference.**



Meals

Allowable

- Travel Status
- Patients / Subjects
- Conferences / Planned Meetings

Unallowable

- Utilize as an incentive
- Non-employees / spouses
- Amounts are not reasonable (>\$50)

T-32 – Tuition (new)

- The \$16,000 is a funding limit not an expenditure limit.
- Can rebudget into tuition to cover amounts >\$16K.
 - Other categories
 - Open Slots

T-32 Rebudgeting

Annual Report Requirement (PHS 2590):

"Explain any rebudgeting from trainee positions (stipends) into tuition and fees that has occurred in the current budget period, including the number of trainee positions (predoctoral and postdoctoral) and the estimated dollar figure that was rebudgeted during the budget period being reported. In addition, if rebudgeting is planned in the upcoming budget period, include similar information on those plans as well." – per PHS 2590

T-32 Carryovers

- Limited Carryover Authority provided.
- Extends to all funds for Appointed trainees.
- Cannot carryover funds associated with Unappointed positions.
- Provisions may vary from Institute to Institute. Verify per NGA.

T-32 Setup / Profiling

- Maintain one fund
- Assign allocations to each trainee
- Considerations
 - Pre vs. Post-doc appointment
 - Number of slots filled
 - Carryover provisions
 - PI/Dept preferences

PCT's on Expired Funds

- PCT's posted after final invoice / reporting deadline:
 - Notify SPA in advance
 - Is the amount material to the project?
 - Review timing of PCT and effective period, are they reasonable
 - Will PCT effect a PAR or other fund
 - Justify, Explain, Document!

Other Issues

- Remove greybar from PARs?
- Eric Poehlman – University of Vermont
 - Fraudulent research / data
 - One year in federal prison
- Yale, “The next Stanford”
 - 30 to 50 PI’s
 - Ten years of documentation

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