

URA Weekly Update for the Week Ending March 13, 2009

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URA General Information

URA Town Hall Meeting: If you were not able to attend, we will be posting the presentations on the URA home page. <http://researchadmin.uchicago.edu/>

New Fringe Benefit Rates: We have been informed of a slight change in the provisional fringe benefit rates. Please see the chart below.

<i>FY2010 Fringe Benefit Rates</i>			
Benefit Area	Level 1 & 2	Level 1& 2	Level 3
	<i>University</i>	<i>Federal</i>	<i>University</i>
Retirement	6.9%	6.9%	0.0%
Dependent Tuition	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Health Care	7.8%	7.8%	0.0%
Social Security	6.4%	6.4%	6.3%
UI/WC	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
All Other	<u>0.4%</u>	<u>0.4%</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	24.7%	21.9%	6.6%

Subaward Reminder: As you know, the requirement for PI effort on federal awards is the same for the PIs on federal subawards. Please check to ensure that the proposed subrecipient budget includes PI effort when submitting materials to URA. If you have questions, please contact Jessica Greenfield (jgreenfield@uchicago.edu or 2-9805) or your URA Manager.

Agency Updates & News

ARRA Stimulus Funding: As you know, NIH has announced plans for their portion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (aka Stimulus) funds. It would help your URA colleagues immensely if you will share your department's plans for submission to these NIH opportunities. Please email Lynda Wolter (lwolter@uchicago.edu) with the PI name, Department/Unit, and Funding Opportunity Announcement number (RFA or PAR). We understand that your list may not be final, but please provide your best estimate.

We have posted on the [NIH section](#) of the Research Fundign web site the calendar of deadlines chart with links to the various funding announcements. Along with the NIH Challenge Grants (RFA-OD-09-003) on the URA grants.gov webpage. <http://researchadmin.uchicago.edu/proposals/gg.shtml>

If you have questions on any of the specific opportunities, please contact your URA Manger or Lynda Wolter.

Institute of Museum and Library Services Terms and Condition Changes:

There are several important changes to the General Terms and Conditions for IMLS Discretionary Awards. Following is a brief summary.

The revised General Terms and Conditions for IMLS Discretionary Awards will be effective starting **APRIL 1, 2009** for all active IMLS grants.

- **Section 5. Grant Period and Extensions**

Extension requests must now be made at **least 30 days** prior to the original grant ending date.

- **Section 10. Payments and Interests**

Advance payments are now limited to the recipient's immediate cash needs and must be fully disbursed within 30-days. Grantees are required to report on the status of funds paid in advance by submitting a Request for Advance or Reimbursement (SF 270) for reporting purposes within 30-days of receipt of funds.

- **Section 11. Reporting Requirements**

The Federal Financial Report (SF 425) will replace the Financial Status Report (SF 269 and SF 269A) due annually and the Federal Cash Transactions Report (SF 272) due quarterly for grantees requesting payment in advance. The Federal Financial Report (SF 425) will be due annually and within 90 days following the grant end date for most grantees. Please refer to your award(s) Reporting Schedule for specific due dates.

The full General Terms and Conditions for IMLS Discretionary Awards, financial and report forms and instructions are available on IMLS website at - <http://www.ims.gov/recipients/administration.shtm>

If you have any questions, please contact your URA Grant and Contract Manager.

URA Stats:

37 NIH R01 applications were submitted for the NIH March 5, 2009 deadline. Thanks to all of you for your hard work!

Grants.gov received 11,204 applications through March 2, with 6,525 (58%) from HHS. There was a 6% submission rejection rate. Please make sure to review your Adobe form sets for common mistakes....missing NIH Commons User IDs for individuals with the role PI/PD, attachments not in PDF format, and incomplete required fields (the yellow boxes). Please make sure to validate the application and that the **Sign and Submit** tab is active; if it is not active URA cannot submit the application!