

Research Terms and Conditions Prior Approval and Other Requirements Matrix* ** July 2008

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General Requirements												
Change in Scope	Prior approval required										R	R
Absence or Change of PI	R	R	R	R	R	21	R	R	R	R	R	
Need for Additional Funding	Prior approval required										R	R
Subaward of "significant part" of programmatic effort	R	R	R	R	R	2	R	R	3	R	1	
Pre-award costs (90 days)	Prior approval waived										W	W
Pre-award costs (more than 90 days)	Prior approval required										R	W
Initial no-cost extension of up to 12 months (per competitive segment)	R	R	W	4	W	W	W	R	5	W	W	
Subsequent no-cost extension or extension of more than 12 months	Prior approval required										R	R
Carry-forward of unexpended balances to subsequent funding periods	W	W	W	W	6	7	W	W	W	W	22	
Cost-related Requirements												
Rebudgeting among budget categories	W	W	W	W	W	8	W	W	W	W	22	
Rebudgeting between direct and F&A costs	W	W	W	W	W	8	W	W	W	W	22	
Rebudgeting of funds allotted for training allowances (direct payment to trainees) to other categories of expense.	W	W	W	W	W	9	R	W	W	W	W	
Equipment not in approved budget	W	W	W	W	W	8	W	W	W	W	22	
Capital expenditures for improvement of equipment not in the	Prior approval waived										W	22
Alterations and Renovations costing less than \$25,000	W	W	W	W	W	11	W	W	W	W	W	
Foreign Travel	W	10	W	R	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	
Inclusion of costs requiring prior approval in Cost Principles	W	W	W	W	W	12	W	W	W	W	22	
Restrictions on costs not explicitly unallowable under Cost Principles	none	none	none	none	none	14	15	none	16	none	13	

R Prior approval required. "Prior approval" means prior written approval from the sponsor. Prior approval can take the form of the sponsor's acceptance of the proposal and/or proposal budget and subsequent incorporation into the award, or written approval of a separate request submitted by the recipient.

W Prior approval requirement waived

- 1 Waived except when subaward would be more than 25% of the total dollars of the award
- 2 Waived unless change in scope and except when subawardee is foreign
- 3 Waived except when subaward(s) would be more than 50% of the total dollars of the award; required for any subaward to federal agencies
- 4 Waived except for extensions that would result in a project period in excess of five years
- 5 Waived only for first-time requests for extensions of 12 months or less
- 6 Uncommitted carryforward funds are to be included in the continuation proposal if they are "substantial."
- 7 Waived except when award indicates prior approval is required
- 8 Waived unless change in scope
- 9 Waived except for Kirschstein-NSRA grants
- 10 Waived, but trip report is required within 30 days after trip completion. See agency specific requirements, Article No. 17, Foreign Travel Reporting Requirements.
- 11 Waived for alterations and renovations costing up to \$300,000, unless change in scope or rebudgeting into A&R exceeds 25% of budget period total
- 12 Waived, but costs not specifically covered in the Circulars are subject to NIHGPS.
- 13 Interest penalties for late payment are not allowable
- 14 Prior approval required for patient care costs if change in scope
- 15 Prior approval required to modify the amount of cost sharing reflected on Line M of the award budget.
- 16 Non-working meals and compensation for harm to persons or property are unallowable; also other unallowable costs for awards made under statutory authority cited in Article 3 of the ASR are: graduate assistant tuition remission, F&A in excess of statutory amount, and fixed and real property.

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Cost-related Requirements (cont.)												
Inclusion of unrecovered F&A costs as cost sharing	Permitted										P	P
Transfer of funds between construction and non-construction	Prior approval required										P	R
Use of program income earned during the project period	Funds added to the amount available for the project										Same	Same
Use of program income earned after the project period	No obligation to the federal government										Same	23
Property-related requirements												
Title to supplies with value of more than \$5,000 at the end of a project	R	R	R	W	W	W	W	R	W	W	W	
Acquire real property	Prior approval required										P	R
Encumber real property acquired with federal funds	Prior approval required										P	R
Use real property acquired with federal funds for other non-federal projects rather than compensating the federal government for its fair	Prior approval required										P	R
Encumber equipment acquired with federal funds	Prior approval required										P	R
Trade in equipment purchased with project funds to buy replacement	Permitted										P	P
Own equipment upon acquisition without conditions or without obligation to the sponsor at termination of project	Permitted										TBD	P
Funding agencies' rights in data	Not waived										Not waived	Not waived
Use of valuation methods other than the lesser of book value or fair market value for contributed capital assets	Permitted										P	P
Procurement requirements associated with the simplified acquisition threshold	Wherever FDP Terms and Conditions incorporate A-110 provisions referring to the "Small Purchase Threshold," the term "Simplified Acquisition Threshold" is substituted.										Same	Same
Equipment threshold	Even if institutions establish a threshold for equipment lower than \$5,000, the FDP provisions relating to equipment apply only to those items costing \$5,000 or more.										Same	Same
Project Management Requirements												
Monthly submission of Cash Transaction Reports when advances exceed \$1 million/year	Not required										Same	24
Up-front specification of interrelationship among projects	Not required										Same	24
Publication acknowledgment and disclaimers	Required										Same	R
Additional requirements for use of human subjects beyond those imposed by federal law	none	none	17	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	
Additional requirements for use of anatomical substances beyond those imposed by federal law	none	none	17	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none	
Use of sponsor budget forms for budget revisions	18	18	18	18	18	19	20	18	18	18	18	
Use of electronic records to meet record retention requirements	Permitted										P	P

17 Army Surgeon General approval also required

18 Not required, but budget should be in same general format as original

19 Not required for SNAP awards; but others use "Next Period Budget" form page from PHS2590.

20 Must be submitted electronically via the NSF FastLane system at <https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov>

21 Required for the PI and any other individuals specifically named in the Notice of Award

22 Prior approval required for non-profits

23 For universities - no obligation to the federal government; for non-profits see special terms and conditions

24 Not required for universities

* Any of the waivers noted above may be over-riden by a special term or condition of award.

** Only the full text of the Research Terms & Conditions and the Agency-specific Requirements (ASR) available electronically at: <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rtc/index.jsp> are authoritative.