

Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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The Division of Research would like to remind the university research community that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced earlier this year that it will delay processing of noncompeting continuation awards starting this Spring if the investigator(s)' publications arising from that award are not in compliance with the NIH public access policy.

The NIH's enforcement of the policy will be implemented as a part of the required use of the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) form for all Streamlined Non-Competing Award Process (SNAP) and fellowship awards with a budget start date of 7/1/13 or later. **All NIH grantees with progress reports due on or after May 1st, 2013 are affected by this policy change.**

Below are some tips from the NIH in regards to this upcoming change:

- Use MyNCBI to log all publications resulting from NIH-funded grants. MyNCBI is fully integrated into the new RPPR progress report format, and will generate a report suitable for inclusion in traditional progress reports for grants still using them. MyNCBI is available at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/myncbi/ and uses the same credentials as eRA Commons.
- Double check that your publications are listed in MyNCBI now. Do not wait until shortly before your progress report is due. Maintaining your publications in MyNCBI should become an ongoing part of your regular workflow.
- When writing your progress report, include only those publications that resulted from the grant about which you are reporting progress.

The Division of Research will review progress reports to facilitate compliance; however in the event an investigator submits a RPPR with non-compliant publications, an email notification will be sent to the investigator providing a two-week window for compliance. The award will not be processed by the NIH until the non-compliant publications are brought into compliance.

If you have any questions about this upcoming change from the NIH please visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-13-042.html> or contact your Pre-Award representative in the Division of Research at 305-348-2494.