

Memorandum

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: Salary Limitation for NIH Grants, Cooperative Agreements and Contracts

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Since 1990 Congress has legislatively mandated a limitation on direct salary for individuals under NIH grant, cooperative agreement and contract awards (collectively referred to here as a NIH grants). The mandate appears in the annual appropriation act that provides authority for the NIH to incur obligations for a given Fiscal Year (FY).

For FY 2011, the Department of Defense and Full-year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-10) continues implementation of Public Law 111-117: Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 which restricts the amount of direct salary to Executive Level I of the Federal Executive Pay scale. No increase has been provided for Federal salaries; therefore the NIH 12 month appointment salary cap for applications submitted remains at \$199,700. The NIH salary cap for nine month appointments remains prorated to \$149,201. For a historical record of the NIH salary cap, including effective dates, please see http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/salcap_summary.htm.

Additional information regarding the NIH salary cap, including FAQs, is available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-11-073.html>.

If you have any questions about this notice from the NIH then please contact your Division of Research Pre-Award representative (<http://research.fiu.edu/staff/staffListing.html>) at 305-348-2494 for further assistance.