

## Federal Agency Requirements for Reporting of Professional Activities and Sources of Support

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Dear Colleague,

We write to make you aware of new resources to help you meet federal agencies' requirements for reporting of professional activities and sources of support when applying for, receiving, and managing federal grants and contracts. It's important that you understand these requirements throughout the entire lifecycle of each program in which you're involved.

[This web page](#) provides a summary of the requirements, further details from the agencies that have provided them, and tools for compiling the information that you need to provide. The page covers what must be included in proposals, what must be provided prior to issuance of awards, and requirements for updating information in progress reports or if omissions are discovered. This page, which incorporates the guidance that ORSP has been providing with each proposal you prepare, will be updated regularly as the agencies provide more detail.

In the coming weeks, ORSP and Research Integrity will be scheduling with departments to review the guidance and to hear your questions. The requirements have been a topic of intensive discussions between the research university community and federal agencies. Your questions help to inform those discussions.

As you know, much of the recent attention on undisclosed activities, affiliations, and research support has related to faculty involvement in programs run by foreign universities or governments. We want to be clear about the value and importance of collaborations. Global collaborations in particular are a natural and very healthy part of what we do as a research university.

We also share the agencies' interest in making fully informed decisions about funding projects and in transparency with colleagues and stakeholders. They are cognizant of the fact that universities are substantially dependent upon individual investigators to fully disclose their activities, affiliations, and sources of support. At the same time, tolerance for major omissions is limited, with serious consequences for individual investigators, their universities, and colleagues. In our relationships with the agencies, we're expected to work with them, and to involve our faculty and staff, in ensuring transparency.

We thank you for your attention, your ongoing diligence and good faith, and your contributions to Lehigh research.

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