



# Research Community Update

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The Research Community Update informs campus administrators about research-related topics of interest and importance. Staff in the Office of Sponsored Programs are here to help you with navigating the changing and challenging world of research administration.

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## WSGC RELEASES REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR ITS FACULTY PROGRAMS

The Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium (WSGC) has released the Request for Proposals for its two Faculty Programs: the [Research Infrastructure/Seed Program](#) and [Higher Education Incentives](#). The deadline for both programs is **Monday, December 12, 2016**. Information regarding the purpose of these programs is available online at the [WSGC Funding Programs website](#).

**Both programs require 1:1 cost-share.** It is not required, nor recommended, to exceed the 1:1 cost-share amount. While indirect costs are not permitted on WSGC funds, the indirect costs calculated based on the WSGC funding request must be used to offset the required 1:1 cost-share. What would a budget to this program look like? How would a PI factor in the forgone indirect costs in the budget?

Let's say a PI is applying for a \$10,000 grant from the Research Infrastructure Program. **The direct cost budget breakdown from WSGC** looks like this:

<u>Expense/Item</u>	<u>WSGC Funds</u>	<u>1:1 Match Funds</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Salaries	\$5,000		
Fringe Benefits	\$2,500		
Domestic Travel	\$1,500		
Supplies	\$1,000		
Indirect Costs	\$0		Indirect Costs are not allowed on WSGC funds.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>		

The Indirect Costs on the \$10,000 must be the first cost item used to satisfy the 1:1 cost-share:

<u>Expense/Item</u>	<u>WSGC Funds</u>	<u>1:1 Match Funds</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Salaries	\$5,000		
Fringe Benefits	\$2,500		
Domestic Travel	\$1,500		
Supplies	\$1,000		
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$4,950	Use the appropriate Indirect Cost Rate for the project (research, public service, or instruction). \$10,000 x 49.5% = \$4,950. (Research)

<b>Total</b>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$4,950</u>
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To meet the remaining 1:1 required cost-share, the PI would need to identify an additional \$5,050. This would also include indirect costs calculated on the cost-share dollars (i.e., the PI would need to identify \$3,378 in direct costs [\$5,050 / 1.495] and add an additional \$1,672 in indirect costs for a Research project). **The final budget for this project appears below.**

<u>Expense/Item</u>	<u>WSGC Funds</u>	<u>1:1 Match Funds</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Salaries	\$5,000	\$2,411	
Fringe Benefits	\$2,500	\$967	
Domestic Travel	\$1,500		
Supplies	\$1,000		
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$6,622	\$4,950 + (\$3,378 in direct match costs above x 49.5% for \$1,672) = \$6,622.
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	

**Questions related to cost-share on WSGC projects?** Please contact your [Pre-Award Specialist](#). OSP has also created a [Budget Development and Cost-Share Identification Guidance](#) document to assist PIs and administrators with WSGC proposals; please feel free to disseminate accordingly. Additionally, OSP has published a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) related to cost-share for all project budgets. Please remember that all cost-share must be documented and approved in WISPER.

### NEW NIH FINAL RESEARCH PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT COMING

**Tentatively scheduled for January 1, 2017**, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will transition to a [Final Research Performance Progress Report \(RPPR\)](#) to replace the current **Final Progress Report for Closeout**. The new Final RPPR will extend the format of the annual RPPR to the Final, except for a few key sections that will not appear:

- Section D: Participants;
- Section F: Changes; and
- Section H: Budget.

Information for the Final RPPR must be uploaded into RPPR-like screens, not uploaded as a PDF. Additionally, a new Section I: Outcomes will be added to the Final RPPR.

**The transition date established by NIH for the Final RPPR will be firm.** In other words, if PIs would like to use the old format (Final Progress Report for Closeout), the report must be developed and submitted by January 1, 2017. After that date, PIs must use the Final RPPR format for the submission of their final report, even if they start the report prior to the January 1, 2017 implementation date. **Future updates on the implementation date will be made available in upcoming editions** of the Research Community Update—please stay tuned for details as they become available.

### REMINDER: UW SYSTEM APPLIED RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS DUE VIA WISPER BY JANUARY 24, 2017

The Request for Proposals for the [2017-2018 UW System Applied Research Grant \(ARG\) Program](#) has been released. The required Intent to Submit e-mail is due to UW System by December 18, 2016. **Full proposal materials are due via WISPER by Monday, January 24, 2017.** The Office of Sponsored Programs will coordinate the institutional signature on the required cover page as well as the submission of the full proposals to UW System.

A [WISPER Quick Guide](#) is available to assist principal investigators with initiating and routing a WISPER record for ARG submissions. **Questions?** Please contact your [Pre-Award Specialist](#) for your division/department.

### SAVE THE DATE: DEVELOPING COLLABORATIVE TEAMS FOR RESEARCH WORKSHOP

The Office of Research will **host a workshop on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 in Cunningham G40 on Developing Collaborative Teams for Research**. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the scholarship of building collaborative teams (both intra- and inter-disciplinary), including tools for engaging in collaborative teams, rewards/recognition, and a case study. Additionally, this workshop will foster dialogue within identified thematic research groups in the development of “next steps” in UWM team science. Faculty from all disciplines with an interest in or are already pursuing research from a collaborative/team perspective are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Holly J. Falk-Krzesinski, Vice President of Global Academic & Research Relations at Elsevier and Chair of the Annual Science of Team Science Conference, will serve as the workshop facilitator. A link for registration to the conference is forthcoming. **Please share this announcement with researchers in your department/division to save the date!**

### PILOT PROGRAM FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH TEAMS IN HEALTH, BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

The Office of Research is **pleased to announce a new pilot program to support collaborative research teams to develop and submit grant proposals in the areas of health and biomedical sciences and engineering.**

Over the last year-and-a-half, campus discussions facilitated by Rachel Schiffman, Paula Rhyner, and Adel Nasiri have identified potential health and biomedical topics in which UWM has a strong potential for multidisciplinary research. This pilot program aims to advance some of those discussions to the point of proposal development. If the pilot is successful, the intent is to expand the scope of the program to include the broad range of interdisciplinary research at UWM.

**Proposals are due April 3, 2017.** Complete information is provided on the [Internal Grant Programs](#) page of the Office of Research website. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Harris at [mtharris@uwm.edu](mailto:mtharris@uwm.edu).

**Please share this announcement with researchers in your department/division.** Please also note that WISPER records for these submissions are not required.

### CORRECTIONS FROM THE NOVEMBER 2, 2016 RESEARCH COMMUNITY UPDATE

The November 2, 2016 edition of the Research Community Update contained two errors:

The article featuring the **reorganization and renumbering of UW System Administrative Policies and Procedures** as of October 1, 2016 contained an incorrect link. The new homepage for these policies is: <https://www.wisconsin.edu/uw-policies/uw-system-administrative-policies/>.

Our \$5.00 Question Recognition Recipient was Dr. Mark Schwartz, Distinguished Professor of **Geography**. Our November 2, 2016 edition contained an incorrect department affiliation for Dr. Schwartz. We regret the errors.

### THE \$5.00 QUESTION

In the spirit of professional development, during the Fall 2016 semester OSP will present a question or scenario to Research Community Update subscribers about various aspects of research administration (proposal development, pre-award, compliance, and post-award). Subscribers will have one week from the date of publication to submit an answer, and the subscriber(s) with the best answer(s) will receive a \$5.00 gift card to The UWM Grind\*! OSP will publish the best responses along with the subscriber's name, department/division, and response in an upcoming edition of the Research Community Update. Our recognition jackpot will accumulate if we have no responses.

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

A principal investigator intends to develop a shared instrument on her project. The instrument will be assembled using various items that cost less than \$5,000 individually, but will only function as intended when assembled together. The PI lists each of these costs individually in her project budget under the "supply" category. Did the PI complete her budget correctly? Why or why not?

Please send your responses to Ron Fleischmann, Associate Director of Pre-Award Administration ([fleischm@uwm.edu](mailto:fleischm@uwm.edu)).

#### PREVIOUS WEEK'S QUESTION AND RESPONSE:

**Q:** When developing a budget for a sponsored project, Principal Investigators should always request an amount that is less than the budget limit or range stated in a program solicitation in order for their proposals to be reviewed more favorably and have a better chance of getting funded. True or False?

**A:** Our featured response this week comes from **Stefanie Pinnow**, Grants Administrator in the Shared Office for Administration of Research in the College of Health Sciences, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, and Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health:

**False:** the investigator should request sufficient funds to support the project that is being proposed. Although budget ceilings often present challenges, it is important not to underestimate or underrepresent the actual cost of the proposed project.

If an investigator requests less funding than is actually required to carry out the project, the university may be on the hook to cost share staff time, resources, equipment, etc. to ensure that the project can be carried out as proposed. In the short term, cost share is a real cost to the department/division/institution. In the long term, cost share negatively impacts the university's ability to measure and recover indirect costs (F&A) on sponsored research projects.

Moreover, reviewers can spot unrealistically low budget requests. They are experts in their fields and should be skeptical if the budget doesn't match the scope of work being proposed. If the budget limit or range stated in the solicitation is too low to support the actual cost of the project, the funding mechanism might not be a good fit for the investigator's research. The Proposal Development team can work with the investigator to help identify other funding opportunities that might be a better fit for her project."

In recognition of Ms. Pinnow's response, she will receive a \$5 gift card to The UWM Grind! Congratulations!

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