

Video Conference Archive

9-24-99 – NCURA - Cost Sharing on VHS

This workshop provides an in-depth, detailed review of the issues surrounding cost sharing on sponsored projects, primarily grants and contracts funded by federal agencies.

1-25-00 - NCURA - The Ins and Outs of Contract Language on VHS

This workshop will present the basics of contract language. It will cover the major components to be found in standard contracts and explain their purpose and function. To be an effective negotiator it is important to know not only what language is acceptable or unacceptable but the reasons why. Thus, the workshop faculty will delve into why certain contract language needs to be negotiated, giving the background of the clause, the definition of key terms (like indemnification, subrogation, exclusive licensing, liquidated damages) and the important historical and cultural differences between educational institutions and the parties with whom they contract, including private companies, which make negotiations difficult.

3-07-00 - NCURA - Indirect Costs for the Lay Audience on VHS

Indirect costs, or more properly titled, Facilities and Administrative Costs, remain a mystery to many faculty and other members of the campus community. Designed for faculty, administrators on the departmental or school/college level, and newcomers to research administration, this program will attempt to unravel the mystery by clearly explaining what indirect costs are, how they are calculated and applied, the types of rates institutions use, and what are the implications of waiving indirect costs on certain projects. As well, the presenters will spend time on other important costing topics such as applying the principles of allocability, allowability, and reasonableness. The program will conclude with an interactive conversation about indirect costs and current costing issues.

5-18-00 - NCURA - Hot Topics: The Best of the Best on VHS

This special session will be built around questions sent to the NCURA web site. Some may be follow-up questions from the first three workshops in the series as well as those phoned in during the live broadcast. Others will be those topics of major interest to our audience including any late breaking new issues.

9-14-00 – SRA – Grants, Gifts or Whatever on VHS

The teleconference program will flow from four scenarios illustrating different “gift, grant, or whatever” situations. Panel of experts discussing issues raised in the scenario and how those issues should be handled will follow each scenario.

1-23-01 - NCURA - Electronic Research Administration (ERA), Where are We Today and What Can We Expect Tomorrow? on VHS

This team plans to update us on the status of federal electronic initiatives and how we are accommodating them at our institutions. The impact of Public Law 106-107, the timetable and plans for the Federal Commons along with selected specific initiatives of leading federal agencies will be covered. In addition, we will have the opportunity to hear perspective from both central and departmental administrators in addition to technology specialists.

5-15-01 - NCURA - Compliance Issues Impacting Financial Research Administration on VHS

This video conference will explore the requirements for compliance; both the tangible documentation and the "spirit" of complying with these requirements. The broadcast will focus on those aspects that primarily affect research administrators in departmental business offices and central post-award units. Our panelists will discuss strategies that may be employed to enhance compliance, the potential consequences for failure to comply, and will provide their perspectives in meeting the intent of complying with the agency requirements.

9-06-01 - NCURA - What Department Administrators Need to Know About Compliance? on VHS

Department Administrators are at the front lines of research administration, and are the focus for communication between research and the central administration. Central administration implements regulatory requirements, but it is often the department administrator who must translate and impose those requirements on faculty.

9-13-01 – SRA - Responsible Conduct of Research on VHS

This teleconference will explore four of the nine core instructional areas defined as Responsible Conduct of Research: human subjects research, conflict of interest, research misconduct, and mentorship. These core areas are critical for all institutions concerned with responsible research, regardless of whether or not research is conducted in PHS sponsorship.

1-15-02 – NCURA - Compliance Issues for Clinical Trials on VHS

Clinical trials are highly regulated and monitored activities. At the same time, universities and affiliated medical centers are under tremendous pressure to move quickly in order for sponsors to capitalize on intellectual property protection, obtain FDA approval, and deliver a safe and effective product to the public. This broadcast will examine major compliance issues affecting clinical trials and the partnership that exists among Federal agencies, drug manufacturers, clinical research organizations, academic health centers and private research organizations for maintaining compliance. Viewers will be able to ask questions of the panel.

3-19-02 - NCURA - From a Culture of Compliance to a Culture of Concern: Building a Compliance Education Program That Works on VHS

This program is presented by NCURA in cooperation with the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA). Regulatory actions and compliance audits are important tools for enforcing minimum standards of behavior on sometimes-obdurate grantees and investigators. In the long run, however, creating a culture of concern in our institutions will do more to foster better stewardship and a greater sense of care for humans and animals in our research, for the environment, and for the health and safety of our students, staff, and faculty. Just making rules, creating policies and procedures, and policing the actions of investigators are ultimately ineffective gestures, if we have not instilled a deep sense of commitment to the common good in our research community. But how do we move from a culture of compliance to a culture of concern and caring? Education is the key!

5-14-02 - NCURA - The True Costs of Compliance and Why We Must Invest on VHS

Join John Fini, Financial Director, Research Management at Massachusetts General Hospital and Michael Amey, Assistant Dean for Research Administration, School of Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University for a wide-ranging discussion of the obvious – and the hidden - costs of compliance and non-compliance. The panel, which will include federal agency representatives, will give research administrators, and senior officials, a realistic view of the true costs of research compliance, and provide some real world advice and suggestions for meeting requirements during a time of budgetary constraints and competing needs within the overall research enterprise.

9-24-02 - NCURA - What Departmental Administrators Need to Know About Post-Award and Cost Analysis? on VHS

This workshop will begin with "account set up" and go all the way through "account close out" and include what departmental administrators and pre-award administrators should know about the mechanics of the facilities and administrative (F&A) rate, cost sharing, effort reporting, the Cost Accounting Standards, financial reporting, cash management, cost transfers and post auditing.

This workshop is recommended for academic department administrators who work on proposal development and pre-award issues in their departments as well as pre-award central office administrators.

3-4-03 - Subawards and Subcontracts: A Workshop Primer on Managing Collaborative Projects on VHS

Putting together a multi-institution project takes the cooperation of everyone from principal investigators to department administrators, from sponsored programs officials to procurement specialists, from research coordinators to accountants, as well as the cooperation of all their counterparts at collaborating institutions. It also involves the full spectrum of research administration activities from proposal writing to contract negotiations, from budget building to expenditure reporting, from sole source procurements to invoice analysis. Join the workshop faculty as they explore subawards vs. subcontracts, FAR flowdowns, A-110 requirements, and the latest in subaward agreement forms and contract clauses.

6-24-03 - Exploring the Lifecycle of Costs: Budget to Audit on VHS

Does budgeting on research proposals matter anymore? How do costs on the budget relate to expenditures? What do auditors expect to find in the history or documentation that supports award expenditures? This presentation will examine the life cycle of costs on a sponsored research project, from the budgeting process through expenditures and ultimately the audit examination. The faculty are experienced explorers in all aspects of a Life Cycle approach to understanding the budget and financial management of sponsored research agreements. Pre-award and Post-award administrators should find this presentation an opportunity to more clearly understand the implications and results of costing methods.

9-16-03 - A Primer on Intellectual Property for the Research Administrator on VHS

Although understanding of intellectual property, both the law and its practical application, is critical to the daily work of the research administrator. This workshop will introduce patent and copyright law, as well as other key concepts necessary for the understanding and negotiating of intellectual property. The faculty will outline current federal regulation and policy with respect to intellectual property, such as the Bayh-Dole Act and rights in technical data. Finally, the workshop will introduce issues when negotiating intellectual property rights in industry sponsored research agreements. This session is designed for the newcomer that wishes to gain a basic understanding of intellectual property. The faculty will provide the tools that are needed to build a strong foundation in this area. In depth reference materials, including a user friendly glossary of patent and copyright terms will be provided to workshop participants.

1-21-04 - Cost Sharing Management on VHS

When an institution makes a commitment to share in the costs of a sponsored project it assumes an obligation to the sponsor and accepts certain responsibilities for tracking and reporting cost sharing expenditures. This program will discuss the various aspects of cost sharing, from proposal to award and through the project closeout. The session will also discuss the expectations of the project sponsor regarding the documentation and reporting of cost sharing commitments and will describe the cost sharing policy of the National Science Foundation (NSF). The presenters will describe several institutional systems for tracking cost sharing expenditures.

3-9-04 -- Research Records Management on VHS

Does your institution have a clearly delineated policy regarding ownership or retention of research records? What should your policy include and why? This broadcast reviews the basics and then tackled the tough issues facing many institutions. How do we deal with new forms of records or even research materials (electronic data sets and cell lines, for example)? How are records stored and who pays the cost? How can we work with faculty to bring about an understanding of the importance of maintaining records? And, finally, what happens to the records when your faculty member moves to another institution?

1-25-05 -- Sponsored Research Financial Management: Current Pre- and Post-Award Issues on CD

This videoconference will provide an update for pre and post-award viewers on the following financial administration topics: allowable costs for budgets, including a brief discussion of the disconnect between grants management personnel, PIs and auditors; an overview of current issues in time and effort reporting; cost-sharing, purchasing, and subcontracting (including subs between FDP and non-FDP institutions). Viewers will receive a glimpse of policy changes at the federal level, in addition to a discussion of institutional best practices at the central and departmental levels. This program is intended for Pre and Post Award Administrators, Departmental Administrators, Faculty, Auditors.