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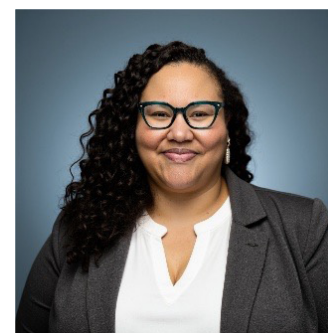
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Welcome Back Roadrunners!

Dear Fellow Roadrunners,

Happy fall semester and welcome back to campus! Thank you for taking the time to read through the important content included in this publication. Our team is grateful to have this avenue to share with our roadrunner colleagues.



Laneika K. Musalini, Ed.D.
 OSRP Executive Director

This quarter, I want to remind you that the Office of Sponsored Research and Programs (OSRP) is a partner in your sponsored research and program endeavors. The Office of Sponsored Research and Programs would love the opportunity to meet with all the new faculty this fall to introduce our services and see how we can be of service to you. Please schedule some 1:1 time with us by emailing me at LAMUSALINI@msudenver.edu.

Sponsored programs (grants) support critical recovery initiatives, innovative research, programs and projects to provide public services and stimulate the economy, and, most importantly, to promote student learning and success. The funding landscape pertaining to sponsored programs is extremely competitive and changing daily. We want to ensure that you are submitting the best product possible and following compliance protocols. It is critical for you to notify OSRP early on so we can partner and work together towards success.

OSRP is the official university authority for submitting proposals and sponsored agreements/contracts as well as accepting awards and sponsored contracts. The OSRP team is eager to assist you during the pre-award phase of your proposal journey.

We are looking forward to a great 2026-27 academic year!

Sincerely,
 Laneika

SAVE THE DATE!

OSRP has partnered with the Office of Hispanic Initiatives to celebrate our principal investigators, students, research, and servingness for the Annual Report, PI, and HSI Reception entitled, “The Power of Servingness & Research.” **Save the date September 10, 2026 from 5:00PM-7:00PM.** The celebratory reception will take place in the JSSB. More details to follow.

Congratulations Kimberly!

Please join us in extending congratulations to Kimberly Welp on being named a recipient of the Future of the Field honor by the Society of Research Administrators International (SRAI).

The SRAI Future of the Field recognition program aims to highlight the ‘up-and-comers’ of Research Administration demonstrating leadership among their peers and institutions in innovative ways that advance research administration.

Kimberly was selected by a committee of Research Administrator peers after the program received numerous nominations from around the world. Applications were evaluated based on candidates career history, demonstration of exceptional professional growth, and significant contributions made to the advancement of research administration.

“In a field as rapidly evolving as research administration, the need for visionary adaptable leaders have never been greater,” said, Dara C. Little, President of SRAI. “SRAI’s Future of the Field recipients represent the next generation of change makers—those who will not only navigate complexity but shape the future of our profession. To embrace change is to lead—your innovation, resilience, and leadership are exactly that this moment demands. Rise to the opportunity and you will do great things,” said, Dara.

Future of the Field honorees will be formally recognized at the SRAI Annual Meeting this October.



Kimberly Welp, CPA, MBA, CRA, CFRA
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Institutional Review Board Office Hours



The MSU Denver Human Subjects Protections office offers a virtual office hour every other Friday at 11:30am until 12:30pm. This is a time where anyone can drop in and ask any IRB related questions and receive immediate answers.

Please [visit our website](#) for more information.

[Mike Heathcote](#), Assistant Director of Human Ethics and Outreach

REMINDERS

All proposals should start with OSRP. Please do not submit any grant proposals. Those interested in applying for sponsored funding/grant, please engage OSRP, no matter the size of the grant, as the authorized organizational representatives (AOR) for the university.

All sponsor communication should be initiated by OSRP. OSRP should also respond to sponsor emails and requests as the official university authorized representative. If you receive any sponsor communication, please forward the request/email to OSRP immediately. OSRP will work with the PI and appropriate university partners (i.e. general counsel, governmental affairs, provost, etc.) to respond to requests.

Stay tuned for the next OSRP cash match deadline.

Some funders require the university to share a portion of the cost for specific projects, called cost share, which may include cash match, in-kind contributions, or third-party match. **Application information is available in the Toolkit Forms Library on the OSRP website.**

To aid in quickly accessing OSRP forms we have added a Forms Library to the Toolkit section of the website. Forms in the library include:

- Research Request
- Project Development
- Intent to Submit
- Financial Conflict of Interest (COI)
- Principal Investigator Eligibility
- Limited Submissions Competition
- Cash Match Application
- Cost Sharing Agreement
- Subrecipient Commitment
- Proposal Processing
- Internal Budget Revision

Roadrunner Principal Investigator (PI) Certification Program

The Roadrunner PI Certification Program is a comprehensive program that prepares faculty, staff, and administrators to become thriving principal investigators (PIs) who are aware of the changing funding landscape, compliance policies, and internal processes. Consisting of three phases—Getting Started, Pre-Award, and Post-Award—this Program will identify the responsibilities that comes with being a PI, explain internal processes, describe how to best utilize internal resources, and visualize the grant lifecycle through closeout. The completion of each phase will culminate with an internal micro-credential—the PI Readiness badge. You can access the Roadrunner PI Certification Program from your Canvas courses.

Effective February 1, 2026, all current and prospective PIs must complete the Roadrunner PI Certification Program before they will be allowed to move forward with proposal submissions.

Sponsored Research & Programs Handbook is Available



The newly created [Sponsored Research & Programs Handbook](#) is a guide for principal investigators and grant administrators. This is a “living” guide that is housed on the OSRP website. Please note, although the Sponsored Research & Programs Handbook is available for printing, it is subject to constant change and would render printed versions obsolete, as Research procedures, guidance and policies are subject to continuous updates and revisions in response to the changing landscape.

This handbook is intended to serve as a guide—a useful “tool” for MSU Denver faculty and staff to refer to when questions about finding and applying for external funding might arise, or questions on award management might come up in the course of carrying out their funded projects. Where further clarification is needed, members of the MSU Denver community should always feel free to contact OSRP, SPAC, and CFR.

The handbook provides guidance on:

- Services provided by OSRP and SPAC
- Responsibilities of PIs, research staff, and administrative personnel
- Sponsored project policies, procedures and practices (e.g., pre- and post-award, research compliance, contracts, and human subjects)
- Brief list of policies and procedures for MSU Denver Foundation and CFR
- Definitions and available resources

Second Notice of Revised Indirect Cost Recovery (ICR) Distribution Framework

On February 19, 2026, the Provost communicated to the campus community that there is a new ICR distribution policy. This new guidance changes the distribution percentages as well as provides an advantage for faculty. The change serves to strengthen long-term financial sustainability while continuing to prioritize our academic mission, our students, and the people who make this institution work. Under the new guidance, the distribution is 40% for OSRP operations, 35% for SPAC operations, 12.5% to the PI, and 12.5% to the Provost. This change took effect on July 1, 2026.

The intent of this change is to strengthen support for faculty scholarship over time. By investing in the systems required to manage sponsored activity and using ICR more strategically, this approach broadens access to resources for faculty, staff, students, and academic units, including first-time principal investigators, teaching-focused faculty, and faculty engaged in community-centered or student-centered work.

More Changes to the Uniform Guidance

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has proposed sweeping revisions to the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200), shifting it from guidance to regulation and introducing stricter oversight, expanded agency discretion, and new compliance requirements for federal grant recipients.

On May 29, 2026, OMB published a proposed rule in the Federal Register to substantially revise 2 CFR 200, commonly known as the Uniform Guidance, which governs federal grants, cooperative agreements, and other financial assistance across all federal agencies.

The proposed changes aim to:

1. Improve transparency, accountability, and oversight of federal awards.
2. Clarify the regulatory status of 2 CFR 200, converting it from guidance to binding regulation, meaning future amendments would apply government-wide without separate agency rulemaking.
3. Reduce recipient burden in some areas, while increasing scrutiny and reporting requirements in others.

Comments on the proposed rule were due by July 13, 2026, with a proposed effective date of mid-December 2026. OSRP will keep the campus community abreast of all changes and how those changes impact how we operate.

NIH Data Management and Sharing Plans

NIH is finalizing implementation of the new Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan format to ensure NIH's data sharing goals are achieved while reducing administrative burden and improving reporting efficiency. The planned updates to the DMS Plan format do not constitute a change in NIH policy.

The NIH Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Policy continues to require applicants to submit a DMS Plan for any NIH-funded or conducted research that will generate scientific data, with limited exceptions as described in the DMS Policy (See, NIH Grants Policy Statement 8.2.3.2 and the list of NIH activity codes subject to the DMS Policy).

Beginning in FY 2027, NIH will require all existing awards and applications subject to the NIH DMS Policy to transition and align with the updated DMS Plan format. This requirement applies regardless of when the competing application was submitted.

Visit the notice for more details at <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-100.html>

Notice of Required Trainings, Rules, and Documents for PIs and Project Teams

Recent revisions to both MSU Denver internal policies and federal regulations have created new requirements for all current and potential principal investigators (PIs), co-principal investigators (Co-PIs) and senior personnel grant staff. Please note all requirements below must be completed before a grant proposal submission is approved, and all forms are available in the [OSRP Forms Library](#).



Roadrunner PI Certification

Faculty and staff members at MSU Denver who manage grant-funded projects must earn a professional credential through the new **Roadrunner Principal Investigator Certification Program**. The certification is offered fully online through Canvas, with three modules covering the life cycle of a grant. The certification is mandatory for all those serving as a PI or Co-PI on sponsored projects, and must be completed before proposals are submitted.

Intent to Submit

The **Intent to Submit form** serves as the PI’s official notice to apply for funding. This form has two purposes: (1) to notify OSRP that a PI is interested in applying for a specific funding opportunity and (2) serves as an initial compliance check for proposal submissions. **All PI’s are required to complete this form to request authorization for submitting a grant proposal.** For questions pertaining to the form, please contact your OSRP proposal development specialist.

Financial Conflict of Interest

The **Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) form** ensures that MSU Denver is in compliance with federal regulations and MSU Denver policy. All Investigators involved in sponsored research or programs must disclose significant financial interests (SFI) that may present an actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest related to their institutional responsibilities. **OSRP must have disclosures prior to submitting your proposal for external funding.** For questions pertaining to the FCOI form, please contact the OSRP Executive Director.

Required CITI Trainings

OSRP would like to reiterate that required trainings for PIs and project teams must be completed before submitting proposals. The training courses are good for at least three years once completed. **In addition to these trainings, PIs must also complete the Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOI) form annually.**

Submission approvals will not be issued without the completion certifications. We kindly thank you in advance for your cooperation as this will continue to further enhance our research knowledge and ensure high ethical standards. For additional information about CITI trainings please contact [Michael Heathcote](#), Associate Director of Human Subjects Protections.

Proposal Processing Form

The [Proposal Processing Form](#) is the final requirement before a grant proposal is approved for submission. It provides a snapshot summary of the project and budget, verifications that trainings and required documents are completed, and approvals/signatures from senior personnel, Chairs, Deans and, in some cases, senior administration.

Required Trainings for PIs and Project Teams

TRAININGS REQUIRED					
	CITI Conflict of Interest	CITI Responsible Conduct of Research	CITI Social Behavioral all human subjects research	Research Security	Roadrunner PI Certification
All PIs	x				x
All PIs performing research w/human subjects	x	x	x	x	x
Project Teams performing research w/human subjects	x	x	x		
All PIs & Senior Key Personnel w/federal grants	x	x		x	x
All PIs performing research	x	x			x
IRB Member	x	x	x		



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