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SUBJECT: NIH Revised Grant Policy Statement and Other System and Application Changes

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NIH has recently announced the below updates that we would like to bring to your attention.

**Revised NIH Grants Policy Statement for Fiscal Year 2021.** NIH published a revised Grants Policy Statement (NIHGPS) applicable to all NIH grants and cooperative agreements with budget periods on or after October 1, 2020. This supersedes the previous NIHGPS dated December 2019. For an overview of the changes, see NIH's Summary of Significant Changes webpage.

**Internet Explorer to be phased out.** Due to security and interoperability issues, the use of Internet Explorer (IE) to access NIH systems will be phased out by July 19, 2021. Browsers that will be supported are Mozilla Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari, and beginning on July 20, 2021 Microsoft Edge will also be supported. (Browser compatibility statement)

**Commons IDs for all Senior/Key Personnel.** Beginning January 25, 2022, all Senior/Key Personnel included on the Research & Related Key Person Profile form must include their Commons ID within the application. To prepare for this update, all applications submitted to NIH will receive a warning message if no ID is included for one of the Senior/Key Persons. (NOT-OD-21-109)

If an MSU employee included in an application needs a Commons ID, or has a Commons ID that needs to be affiliated with MSU, please contact your OSP Proposal Team.

**REMINDER: NIH requiring Login.gov.** Beginning this year, NIH will be requiring the use of Login.gov to access its systems. All users of any NIH system must transition to using Login.gov by September 15, 2021, however, NIH is encouraging users to create and begin using Login.gov now, before the mandatory September deadline.

**What do I have to do?**

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