

The NIH has just announced that on August 8, 2009, the Ruth. L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows (F32) and Predoctoral Fellows (F31) must be submitted via Grants.gov. PAPER SUBMISSIONS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED.

Due to the significant volume anticipated, we recommend applicants use Coeus to prepare these proposals (Departmental Administrators need to request Coeus authorizations for the applicants). The Coeus programmers are working on providing the necessary forms that will be required for these submissions. An SF424 Guide to Fellowships has just been released and we are working to create a Coeus preparation guide for creating these proposals. At this time applicants can begin preparing their proposal in Coeus, but will not be able to link to Grants.gov until the necessary forms have been programmed. There will be additional information available in the next few weeks, but we wanted to alert you to this change in process.

A separate communication will be sent to the Postdoctoral Association and Graduate Administrators, explaining this change.

To help us prepare and better assist you, we ask that you contact Coeus-help@mit.edu with the following...

- * The names of each applicant (per NIH guidelines, this individual will be considered the P.I. for submission purposes only)
- * The name of their faculty mentor/sponsor
- * The solicitation to which they are applying
- * The department submitting

As some applicants may be off campus, please query all of your faculty early so that timely preparations can be made to accommodate this process.

All final proposals must be received in OSP by 9:00am on Tuesday, August 4.

As you may know, many fellowship applications arrive in OSP less than 5 days before the deadline. OSP recognizes that postdocs often prepare these proposals themselves and may not be aware of the internal process for routing and approval. To date, we have taken that into account with respect to holding these applications to the 5 day rule. Unfortunately with the transition to Grants.gov, we will no longer be able to do so. These proposals must be received in final format 5 days prior to the deadline or will require Dean's Office approval. Given the challenges we have experienced as each mechanism transitioned in the past, it is safe to say that we will not be in a position to review and submit late fellowship proposals.

We are providing the links to each solicitation as below:

Postdoctoral PA-09-210

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-210.html>

Predoctoral PA-09-208

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-208.html>

Predoctoral to promote Diversity - PA-09-209

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-209.html>

Please also note the SF424 RR Guide to Fellowships which should be used for additional help.

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/SF424_RR_Guide_Fellowship.pdf

All questions should be directed to Priscilla Caissie, Fellowship Administrator in OSP at pcaissie@mit.edu or 8-8009.