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OUTSIDE WORK FOR PAY

BY CATHY GRYSIEWICZ

This Policy applies to all faculty members regardless of the nature of the faculty member's duties. A faculty member must request and obtain written approval from their unit administrator and dean before engaging in outside work for pay using the Authorization Form. Each unit must submit annual reports to the Office of the Provost concerning the outside work for pay performed by faculty in that college/administrative unit. Faculty members may request prior approval to engage in outside work for pay during duty periods if all of the following conditions exist:

1. All approved outside work for pay and overload pay assignments for the faculty member will not exceed a total average of four (4) days a month.
2. The work will enhance the faculty member's expertise as teachers and scholars in their discipline.
3. The additional work will not interfere with the performance of the faculty members' university duties, including those non-classroom responsibilities expected of all faculty members.
4. The work will not adversely affect the University's interests or violate University policies or regulations.
5. The work will be of a professional nature.

RPPR SUBMISSION PROCESS

BY JULIE ROBINSON & LU LIU

The NIH Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) submission process typically requires careful planning and adherence to specific deadlines. For SNAP awards, the RPPR is due approximately 45 days before the next budget period start date, while Non-SNAP awards require submission around 60 days before the same date. Please work with your Research Administrator/Fiscal Officer to get an unobligated balance amount for SNAP awards and a detailed budget for Non-SNAP awards. Some general tips for a successful RPPR submission include starting early, reviewing guidelines thoroughly, providing accurate and comprehensive information, and seeking assistance from your Research Administrator/Fiscal Officer.

ACCESSIBILITY TO RESEARCH COMPUTING WITH NIH

NIH's Center for Information Technology and Office of Data Science Strategy [partnered](#) to offer two programs for researchers who need cloud computing. The offices came together due to numerous concerns regarding processes, training, and costs associated with data security. The programs offered are The Science and Technology Research Infrastructure for Discovery, Experimentation, and Sustainability (STRIDES) and NIH Cloud Lab.

[NIH STRIDES](#) streamlines commercial cloud services from:

- Amazon
- Google Cloud
- Microsoft Azure

NIH-funded researchers are offered cost-effective prices, consultation, and cloud training at a discounted price. STRIDES hopes to reduce barriers for researchers when accessing cloud services. This mechanism provides cloud compute access, storage, and other related services.

[NIH Cloud Lab](#) offers cloud services at no cost to NIH employees, contractors, NIH researchers, and students for 90 days at no cost. Similar to NIH STRIDE, NIH Cloud Lab gives access to Amazon, Google Cloud, and Microsoft Azure in addition to \$500 cloud credits.

The programs offer extensive training to all levels of cloud knowledge and tutorials on many topics including but not limited to running bioinformatic data science, single-cell RNA sequencing, and AI workflows. For more information regarding access, updates, and benefits of the programs, visit the NIH Cloud Lab or [NIH's CIT](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. [NIH Grants Policy Updates: FY2025 Edition](#). [Register Here](#).

Members from our office will be attending the Society of Research Administrators Annual Conference from October 28-30. Please be patient as some of our staff will have slower response times.

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