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## Research Administration

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## Upcoming Events

May 23

RA Monthly Lunch & Learn  
@12 pm: Curry Student Center McLeod Suites

June 22

Workshop: RA SOPs – Award Setup, UPAF+ Reports & Tracking  
@1:30 pm: Curry Student Center McLeod Suites

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## Federal Funding: FY2017 Budget



Congress has passed the Federal FY2017 budget. Recent negotiations paved the way for passage of the \$1.16 trillion omnibus spending bill, which includes a 6.2% increase to NIH; funding for NSF is flat; there is a modest increase for DOE; DOD's budget includes increases for R&D.

The federal budget will also provide increased funding across federal agencies for cybersecurity.

Under the continuing resolution, existing non-competing continuation awards are funded at 10% below the committed level; if FY17 appropriations permit, NIH will adjust these awards upwards.

Learn more at: <http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/05/how-science-fares-us-budget-deal>

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## Risk Tip: Register Your Travel Plans

Northeastern offers a range of support services through WorldAware Solutions for international and domestic travel – from safe trip guidance to incident response and assistance while traveling. For more information see <http://www.northeastern.edu/international-travel/travel-support-services/>

To register your itinerary: Log on to <https://myneu.neu.edu> > click Services and Links > scroll down to “My Travel Plans” to enter your information.

Registration is required for university-related international travel by students, staff and faculty leading student trips. Travel support services are also available for student, staff and faculty personal travel. The NUPD International Security Office and Office of Risk Services encourage all to enter and track your itineraries for personal, study, co-op, research and other University travel so that the Northeastern University can assist you in the event that help is needed.

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## Announcements

**NIH Salary Cap:** Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act (2016) the salary cap on DHHS awards **increased to \$187,000** effective **January 8, 2017** and can be charged on active awards. Once the FY17 budget is passed, NIH will provide updated guidance. See NOT-OD-17-049. Source: [NIH Guide to Grants & Contracts](#)

**We've Moved!** Research Administration, Research Compliance, Research Development and the Office of Human Subjects Research (IRB) have completed our move to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of 177 Huntington Avenue, mail stop 540-177.



# RA Roundup

- [In Discarded Women's March Signs, Professors Saw a Chance to Save History](#)  
The Chronicle of Higher Ed 1/24/17
- [New NSF-Funded Videos highlight 'Human Water Cycle'](#)  
NSF NEWS February 7, 2017
- [A look inside the new Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering Complex](#)  
Northeastern News, 12/1/16
- [All About Grants Podcasts](#)  
Get to know the NIH Grant Process
- [Futurity.org - latest research from universities](#)
- [NIH research improves health for people with asthma](#)
- [Robots @ Home for Elders](#)

## What we're reading:

[The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business](#)  
CHARLES DUHIGG

*A day in the life of a Research Administrator...*



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**Feedback?** The RA Team welcomes your comments, suggestions, and ideas.

**Thank you!**

## Funding Opportunity Spotlight:

### HOWARD HUGHES MEDICAL INSTITUTE

**hhmi Investigator Program:** Supports creative, innovative researchers in the fields of Engineering and Physical Sciences, Environmental and Life Sciences and Biomedical research. **Deadline: June 27, 2017 3 p.m.**

<http://www.hhmi.org/programs/biomedical-research/investigator-program>

## Hot Topic: Research and Sponsored Programs Compliance:

### Participant Support Costs

Costs for individuals participating in research and sponsored programs may be allowable charges to an award.

**Incentives** for participating in human subject research studies are more commonly referred to as **study subject payments** or **research participant incentives** and are costs (cash or in-kind, e.g., gift cards) related to participating in research or other sponsored activities. For NSF proposals, Incentives are considered Other Direct Costs on the NSF budget form.

**Participant support costs** include stipends, allowances and fees paid on behalf of or directly to an individual participating in sponsored training or conference programs. NSF REU student stipends are considered Participant Support Costs and should be included on that line item in the NSF budget.

**MTDC and F&A:** Study subject payments are included in the proposal budget modified total direct costs base; participant support costs are *excluded* from the base and, accordingly, no F&A is charged on those participant support costs. NSF requires that Participant Support Costs remain segregated. Accounts Payable has a special DPAY form for payments and Research Finance uses the following **Banner subcodes:**

<b>78010</b>	Student Subject Payments/Incentives
<b>74600</b>	Participant Support Costs – Stipends
<b>74601</b>	Participant Support Costs – Other

For more information about Study Subject Incentives or Participant Support Costs, please see the [ORAF FAQ's website](#).