What is the Sponsored Projects Office (SPO)?

SPO, HSC, is a clearinghouse for grants, contracts and other agreements that help the UNM Health Sciences Center fund its research, training, public service and educational programs. As a sponsored-projects office, we advise faculty and staff in the complex, and often demanding task of preparing and submitting applications for external funding from federal, state, local, and business entities.

Our office is conveniently located on the 2nd Floor of the HSC Business & Communications Center (BCC), 1650 University.

Mail Stop Code: MSC09 5220
Email: HSC-Preaward@salud.unm.edu
The Proposal Review Process

In the beginning . . . a brilliant researcher had an idea and a hope that someone would see its merits and offer to fund it. A simple dream, right? SPO Services wants to make this simple dream a reality by placing tools and answers at the disposal of the researcher.

When an application is downloaded and an approach formulated, it is time to visit the SPO website or consult a SPO Officer/Specialist for guidance in preparing it for initial HSC review.

SPO utilizes the Click Electronic Research Administration (CLICK) system to track and award funding projects. A CLICK record is required to move your application through the review process. Submit your proposal through CLICK at least 5 working days prior to the due date.* For complete instructions to submit a proposal, please visit the SPO website and click on the “CLICK ERA” tab at: http://hsc.unm.edu/financialservices/preaward/

This website contains a wealth of useful information and tips for preparing proposals. Here you will find forms, certification numbers, supporting documentation, and policy guidelines.

To help prepare your budget, SPO has designed an optional (but highly recommended) budgeting tool which calculates salaries, fringe benefits, project expenses, and overhead (facilities and administrative costs).

* NOTE: electronic NIH submissions are due 10 working days in advance of their due date.

Contract Review Process

If a prospective sponsor issues a contract or other funded agreement (such as a clinical trial), the researcher will need to submit a draft of the sponsor’s agreement as soon as it is available, along with the protocol and the appropriate internal paperwork (see SPO website for instructions). SPO will work closely with the researcher during the review and negotiations process, and will obtain signatures from authorized HSC officials on the final agreement.

Material Transfer Agreements

(MTAs) are short unfunded contracts governing the transfer of tangible research property (most often biological materials) for research use. A MTA Questionnaire must be completed and emailed to the individual listed below. If UNM is the recipient of the materials, accompany the questionnaire with a copy of the providing institution’s MTA.

Confidential Disclosure Agreements

(CDAs) are short contracts governing the transfer of confidential information between UNMHSC investigators and outside entities. CDAs may cover incoming information, outgoing information, or both. Companies or non-profit organizations (“providers”) sometime require a CDA before they will share their information. Unless an invention is being disclosed to the Science and Technology Corporation, send a draft of the agreement along with contact information to the HSC Sponsored Projects Office.

For more information on MTAs or CDAs, visit: http://hsc.unm.edu/financialservices/preaward/ or contact Aida Andujo (POC) at 272-1219, AAndujo@salud.unm.edu

Helpful Links

HSC COI – http://hsc.unm.edu/research/coi/
HRR – http://hsc.unm.edu/som/research/hrpo/
Animal Research – http://hsc.unm.edu/som/research/acc/
UNM Business Policies – http://policy.unm.edu
HSC Contract & Grant Accounting – http://hsc.unm.edu/financialservices/cga/
HSC Unrestricted Accounting – http://hsc.unm.edu/financialservices/accounting

Congratulations, You have an Award!

If all forms and supporting documentation have been submitted to SPO during the “Proposal Stage” and “Just in Time Stage,” then we can process your award and forward to HSC Contract & Grant Accounting (C&GA) for Banner Financial System set-up.

If your award involves the negotiation and signature of an agreement, the “Award Stage” cannot proceed until all parties have agreed to and signed the legal document. Contracts require all the same internal forms and documentation that grants do and should be submitted to SPO through CLICK ERA as soon as possible. Please note: only certain individuals at UNM are authorized to sign contracts and all contracts must be submitted for review before a commitment is made on behalf of the University.

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