Sponsored Projects Award Administration Newsletter

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“We will build a great medical school for Austin and Central Texas.” – Provost Leslie

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**Billing**

The SPAA team works hard each December to complete a full month of bills to sponsors in a shortened month.

More than 900 bills were rushed out before the university closed for the holidays.

**Effort Reporting**

Almost 4,000 effort reports are certified!

Many thanks to our outstanding certifiers, the majority of whom completed certification right away.

Thank you to the faculty who helped successfully test the improvements to the Home page in ECS.

MVP Effort Contacts for this Fall are:
- Melanie Albritton
- Danielle Nestler
- John Ermis
- Sue Rodriguez

Thank you to these, and all of the excellent Effort Contacts!

**Audits & Desk Reviews**

On behalf of UT Austin’s Researchers, in the months October 2012 through January 2013, SPAA has/will handle several audits/reviews:

- Deloitte Audit
- SAO Audit (A-133)
- State Energy Conservation Office desk reviews

If you are contacted about an audit, please contact SPAA oa.jrichter@austin.utexas.edu. SPAA is available to assist with the audit process and can serve as your liaison with the auditors.

**Statistics**

SPAA’s FY 11-12 Service Summary

- Total Amount Invoice Method -- approximately $262.4 million dollars
- Total Amount Draw Method -- over $212.8 million dollars
- Active Accounts Managed -- approximately 3700 ongoing
- Total Number of Invoices -- over 12,200 invoices

The above services (and more) provided by SPAA staff dedicated to helping make research happen.

Stats provided by David Dockwiller:
Meet A.E. Always, Senior Grants & Contracts Specialist in SPAA.

How many years have you been with OSP?
This is my 5th year. My UT career began in the College of Education.

What motivates you in your work?
Helping people and making our university the very best it can be.

What are your hobbies?
Social networking. Google me.

What would you like the PIs and Research Administrators at UT Austin to remember about you?
I am here to help. I genuinely care about research. I am fueled by gratitude. Knowing all that has been done for me gives me the energy to help others all that I am able.

What do you wish UT’s PIs and Research Administrators knew about SPAA?
Our directors are inspiring. They are unsung heroes. They set the bar high and support all of our success.

What do you enjoy here on the UT Austin campus?
UT Austin is an amazing collection of talented people: Leaders, Friends, IT staff, FIS analysts, OSP, OIE, Researchers, Effort Contacts, etc. UT also proudly hosts the Gutenberg Bible at the Harry Ransom Center.
Congratulations to Joy Hatch & Her Family on the Birth of their Baby Girl!

Joy’s career in SPAA began at the front desk and has ascended to Senior Grants & Contracts Specialist. In 2013 she is slated to support the DHHS awards including NIH, as well as Department of Commerce awards.

Joy has been enjoying time at home with her new little princess and her family. She plans to return in January.
And Who Are These Cuties?

Congratulations are also in order for Courtney Swaney and for Taylor Woolery!
Hooray for these Moms!
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Newsletter -- Awareness

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Sally Rockey’s blog keeps us informed: http://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/rock-talk/


Professional Development

SP 101 & 102 on February 27, 2013
https://utdirect.utexas.edu/txclass/index.WBX?component=0

NCURA FRA in New Orleans, LA on March 10-12, 2013
http://collaborate.ncura.edu/FRA14/Home/

NCURA Region V Meeting in Oklahoma City, OK on April 21-24, 2013
http://www.ncuraregionv.com/

SRA International SW/West Section Meeting
San Antonio, TX on April 7—10, 2013
http://www.srainternational.org/sra03/template/tntbsowm2013.cfm?id=5324

NIH Grants & Funding Webinar on January 15, 2013
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/webinar_docs/webinar_20130115.htm

NSF Events: http://www.nsf.gov/events/

Are there topics you would like to nominate for special training opportunities? Let us know by emailing Henrike at h.dehaas@austin.utexas.edu or Tania at tlost@austin.utexas.edu


In the Event of an Audit – Advice from an NCURA panel
Hope you caught the article in the January 2013 Report on Research Compliance. If not, email aalways@austin.utexas.edu to ask for it.

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Data Analytics will increase thoroughness of NSF OIG audits: http://www.nsf.gov/oig/FY13auditworkplan.pdf

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ARRA - The Final 9 months -- Project Completion by 9/30/13