We Have Moved!

Linda Welcomes You
NOA 5th Floor

Amanda Welcomes You
NOA 4th Floor

Dr. Susan Sedwick’s goal of uniting all of OSP under one roof has been accomplished. OSP can be found on the 4th and 5th floors of NOA. Closer proximity will enable OSP to better serve you.

Contact: aalways@austin.utexas.edu
Account Contact Duty Redistribution

SPAA's Account Specialist Team has some vacancies at this time. Interim Account Contact assignments sequentially are as follows:

26-06- → Michael Martindale
26-08- → Angi Murphy
26-13- → Michael Martindale
26-25-, -28-, and -29- → Angie York
26-32- and -35- → Barry Stewart
26-42- and -44- → Tania Tost
26-60- → Kristin Cress
26-63- → Michael Martindale
26-67- → Angie York
26-70- → Henrike de Haas
26-75- → Angi Murphy
26-89- → Henrike de Haas

To Be Updated ASAP: http://www.utexas.edu/research/osp/accounts.html

SPAA Wants Your Feedback

It is spring evaluation time. SPAA staff members are preparing to submit their self-evaluations to the directors. Assistant Director, David Dockwiller requests your feedback.

Have you had recent interaction (+/-) with a member of the post-award administration team in SPAA that particularly stands out in your mind?

Please email your feedback to:
oa.ddockwiller@austin.utexas.edu

SPAA is Hiring: Account Specialists

SPAA has a couple vacant positions posted. If you know qualified candidates who may be interested in joining the SPAA team, please encourage them to apply.

http://utdirect.utexas.edu/pnjobs/index.WBX
**Effort Reporting**

Here are the Facts:

**Fact 1:** The university’s actively sponsored research community has the obligation to comply with U.S. federal regulation, UT System policy, and policy of The University of Texas at Austin. System policy designates a 30-day window. Due to our size, Austin policy expands to a 45-day window. **Timeline:**
- Day 1 will be 4/18/11.
- Day 30 Deans will be contacted for help on 5/17/11.
- Day 45 will be 6/1/11. Deans will be contacted again for help.

**Fact 2:** The university has provided an enhanced online tool, ECS. [https://utdirect.utexas.edu/effort](https://utdirect.utexas.edu/effort)

**Fact 3:** Training is available.
- CW 520 Recommended for all ECS users per policy.
- SP 601 Effort Reporting Concepts for newer researchers and staff.
- SP 602 Advancements in Online Effort Reporting, updates on ECS.
- SP 603 Advanced Topics – Cost Sharing, by departmental request.
  [https://utdirect.utexas.edu/txclass/index.WBX](https://utdirect.utexas.edu/txclass/index.WBX)

Those are the facts. Contact A.E. Always at [effort@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:effort@austin.utexas.edu)

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**Welch Reporting Season**

Recipients should look for emails from SPAA’s Kristin Cress in April, May, and June in preparation for the Welch financial reporting deadline **July 15th.** Welch reports require original signatures from their PIs. Kristin works with UT’s Welch recipients in advance to plan the most convenient time for PIs to sign after Kristin prepares the reports for them in June. Kristin Cress is a great resource for questions about Welch financial reporting. Her e-mail: [cress@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:cress@austin.utexas.edu)

Info about the Welch Foundation Grants and Awards is available here: [http://www.welch1.org/](http://www.welch1.org/)

**Note:** Faculty salary is no longer an allowable cost on Welch Foundation awards.

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**Audits & Desk Reviews**

On behalf of UT Austin’s Researchers, in the months January through March 2011, SPAA has/will handle:
- Advanced Research Program Grants
- NSF Federal Financial Report review
- Governor’s Office

If you are contacted about an audit, please contact SPAA [oa.jrichter@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:oa.jrichter@austin.utexas.edu). SPAA is available to assist with the audit process and can serve as your liaison with the auditors.
Meet Angi Murphy, Grants & Contracts Account Specialist in SPAA. Angi is known for her cheerful sense of humor.

How many years have you been with OSP?
I’ve been in SPAA for about three years. Before joining SPAA I was in the Office of Student Financial Services for two years.

Why do you prefer to work here at UT Austin, rather than another organization?
I am using the Employee Education Benefit to take free classes toward my Master’s degree in Information Science.

What are your hobbies?
Reading, writing, hiking, fishing, and making things.

What do you enjoy here on the UT Austin campus?
I like the location, the shops and restaurants around here, and all the events on campus. I like being able to go bowling in the Union during lunch, and visiting all the great libraries and museums on campus.

What motivates you in your work?
I like to try to get things done as quickly as I can so things keep running smoothly.

Where do you enjoy dining here?
When the weather’s nice, anything I can take outside is good. If I have to stay in I like the tofu at Hao Hao in the Dobie Mall.
Sponsored Projects Award Administration

Newsletter -- Awareness

NIH Salary Cap
The cap for FY 2011 is $199,700 (same as 2010).

The NIH Salary cap is a prorated requirement. If an individual’s annualized salary with supplement is over the cap, they should identify a university account for cost sharing the difference. In effort reporting, salary in excess of the cap will be shown as “effort cost shared”.

Questions: NIHcap@austin.utexas.edu


Frequently Asked Questions – NSF and Cost Sharing:

Professional Development Opportunities

NCURA Region V
Annual Meeting
Houston, TX
April 17-20, 2011

http://www.ncuraregionv.com/spring-meeting11.htm

SRA International Conference
March 27-30 New Orleans, LA

http://www.srainternational.org/sra03/template/tntbnesa11.cfm?id=3628

The Research Administrators Certification Council announced the new Certified Pre-award Research Administrator (CPRA) Examination. The CPRA is an addition to the existing CRA certification. The handbook and application are available: http://cra-cert.org/