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Thank you to all the PIs and their staff who hurried through the heat to get reports in before the due date!

Sixty-eight reports were submitted by the July due date after being prepared by SPAA’s Kristin Cress. Angie York and Henrike de Haas checked the financial reports and Tanya Garcia collected the progress reports. Reggie Crim gathered the signature of the Vice President for Research Dr. Juan Sanchez, and then shipped them to the Welch Foundation.

This was Tanya’s first year of Welch reporting and she was an excellent help. Reggie served his final year of Welch reporting, passing the torch to Christian Pfeiffer Flores.

September
SPAA’s busiest month has arrived! Activities are increasing to overdrive focused on the following activities:

- final reporting,
- new award set-ups,
- process improvement projects,
- routine invoicing and collection activities,
- closeout reporting for Federal Fiscal Year End,
- preparation of portions of the annual financial report including the Schedule of Expenditures on Federal Awards.

Excluded Personnel Expenses
Welch guidelines state, “The following are excluded as direct expenditures: 3. Personnel expenses other than fellowships and scholarships ...”. This includes expenses for background checks and visas.

File a Report
Your Idea Wanted
In summer 2012 OSP’s Maggie Gillean Schamber shared a deeper look at subawards and Courtney Frazier Swaney gave a talk on transferring of awards. What award administration topics are you curious about?

Email your ideas to TTOST@austin.utexas.edu and H.DEHAAS@austin.utexas.edu

Welcome to SPAA’s newest Federal Billing teammate, Chris Daily! A recent graduate of UT Austin’s College of Fine Art, Chris worked in the department of Chemistry & Biochemistry while earning his BA in Music.
Keeping Knowledgeable With **Training**

*Life Cycle of a Sponsored Research Grant Participants*

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**Departments Benefitting:**

- African Diaspora
- Anthropology
- Astronomy
- Ctr Middle Eastern Studies
- Ctr Reading & Lang Arts
- Dept of Asian Studies
- Dept EE & Comp Engineering
- English Dept
- IC2
- ICES
- IPSI
- ORS
- Population Research Ctr
- Special Education Dept

**Effort Certification Results**

About 2,600 project effort reports and about 1,200 primary individual effort reports covering the period of 9/1/11—2/29/12 were certified this Spring.

The first comprehensive independent audit of the upgraded ECS 2010 system revealed that the system with the policies and procedures are sufficient. Hooray!

**Effort Contact MVPs for Spring 2012 ★**

Over 300 Effort Contact departmental staff play a vital role in making effort reporting happen for researchers. For the vast majority of the 3,800 certifications, all run seamlessly. We try to give special thanks to Effort Contacts who untangle gnarly knots or overcome odd obstacles to ensure timely & accurate effort reporting.

A Sample of Those Deserving Extra-special Thanks:

- Billie Pierce
- Debi Prather
- Estela Sosa
- Jeff Meserve
- John Ermis
- Kamar Nassor
- Karen White
- Salwa Uzri
Congratulations to Melissa Kirk & Her Family on the Birth of their Baby Boy!

Melissa has been with SPAA for 4 years. She is known for her baking talent, her eye for décor, and for being a great Federal I Billing teammate. She is enjoying time at home with her family and plans to return later this Fall.

💖 Longhorn Love 💖 These snapshots tell the romantic story…

Congratulations to Michael and his lovely bride Angela on becoming Mr. & Mrs. Verduzco!
Meet Tulika Paul, Federal II Billing Team Leader in SPAA.

How many years have you been with OSP?
Six years at UT Austin, five and a half of those in OSP.

What motivates you in your work?
I enjoy working with numbers, I enjoy all of the duties of my position, and I also enjoy being around the people here in the office.

Where do you enjoy dining here on the 40 acres?
Usually I bring my lunch, but if I go out with a group I enjoy Players and the Chinese food at the Dobie Mall.
http://www.austinplayers.com/
http://hoahoadobie.com

What are your hobbies?
Gardening and quilting are my major hobbies. I also enjoy cooking, fishing, and listening to music. My husband and I grow many different kinds of vegetables in our garden, which are not easy to find in the local supermarkets.

What do you wish UT’s PIs & Research Administrators knew about SPAA?
We do have a very dedicated team to assist them in a friendly and efficient manner. We are here to help them.
Sponsored Projects Award Administration
Newsletter -- Awareness

HHS Including NIH

Keep your calculators handy! The reduced salary cap that took affect on 12/23/11 for new HHS (including NIH) awards will continue to become effective for existing HHS awards as of 10/01/12 with the start of the new federal fiscal year.

Calculator:
www.utexas.edu/research/osp/documents/nih_hhs_salary_cap_calculator.xls

Fortunately, the Vice President for Research was able to secure funds to support nearly a dozen prominent UT Austin NIH researchers with their cap overage in Summer 2012.

Professional Development

TXClass SP110 Grants.gov Proposal Submission with Cayuse 424
September 14, 2012
www.utexas.edu/research/osp/resources/grants_cayuse.html

TXClass SP601 Effort Reporting Concepts 10/16
SP602 Hands-On Effort Reporting in ECS 10/18
https://utdirect.utexas.edu/txclass/index.WBX

NSF Grants Conference
October 22-23, 2012
NSF Grants Conference - Arlington, VA

NCURA Online Self-Paced Tutorials September—October
Annual Meeting in D.C. November 4–7, 2012
http://www.ncura.edu/content/calendar/

SRA International
September 29-October 3
http://www.srainternational.org/sra03/index.cfm

★ Congratulations to Robert Prentiss on new CRA Certification! ★