Recent Announcements by the National Institute of Health

A new stipend level has been determined for Fiscal Year 2012 NIH awards made after October 1, 2011. The NIH stipend for beginning postdoctoral students has been increased from $38,496 to $39,264. These stipend levels are to be used in the preparation of future competing and non-competing NRSA institutional training grant and individual fellowship applications. They will be administratively applied to all applications currently in the review process.

- The full text of this notice is:
  Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2012 (NOT-OD-12-033)

The PI Salary Cap has been decreased from $199,700 to $179,700 per calendar year effective January 20, 2012. This is the first year that the salary limitation has been reduced; it is now restricted to Executive Level II of the Federal Pay Scale. For academic year appointments this translates into a decrease from $149,775 to $134,775. Since this reduction was included in the law signed December 23, 2011, implementation of the lower level is effective with FY2012 awards where the initial Issue Date of the award is on/after 12/23/2011.

- The full text of the notices detailing this change are:
  Notice of Legislative Mandates in Effect for FY2012 (NOT-OD-12-034)
  Notice of Salary Limitation on Grants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts (NOT-OD-12-035)

NIH also announced its Fiscal Policy for Grant awards for Fiscal Year 2012. NIH awards for FY 2012 will be awarded without any inflationary adjustment except for special needs such as equipment and added personnel. Efforts will be made by NIH to keep the average size of awards constant at the FY 2011 level or lower. In addition, inflationary increases for future year commitments will be discontinued for all competing and noncompeting research grant awards issued in FY2012. However, adjustments for special needs will continue to be accommodated. FY 2012 awards that have already been issued will be revised to adjust the award level and future year commitments in accordance with these principles.

- The Full text of this notice is:
  NIH Fiscal Policy for Grant Awards FY 2012 (NOT-OD-12-036)

Please find the updated budget documents for the NIH Budget Worksheets, NIH GRA Cap and NIH PI Salary Cap Worksheets here http://finance.rpi.edu/update.do?catcenterkey=37