An Overview of the new F&A rate
The negotiated F&A rate for on-campus research (basic and applied) proposals submitted to Federal sponsors is 49.5% and should be used immediately. The F&A rate for On-campus Other Sponsored Activity is 28% and the F&A rate for On-campus Instruction is 50%. The F&A rate for Off-campus research, instruction and other sponsored activity is 28%.

Until further notice the F&A rate for proposals sent to State of Missouri sponsors the current state rate applies. The exception for this is when the state agency is passing federal flow-through funding.

An Overview of the new Fringe Benefit rate for FTE employees on proposals submitted to Federal sponsors and to sponsors using federal flow through funding.
On MU Hospital, MU, Extension and System proposals to Federal sponsors and sponsors using federal flow through funding, the Fringe Benefit rate for employees is 29.15%, for the MU School of Medicine the fringe benefit rate for FTE employees is 26.15%.

UM System is currently developing a fiscal mechanism to address shortage and overrun of paid fringe benefits under these new rules.

All rates can be found on the current grant fact sheet found at the following weblink.

Grants.gov Errors and Warnings when submitting a proposal to NIH:
When a proposal is submitted to NIH through grants.gov, a series of emails is sent to OSPA indicating receipt. Grants.gov then completes a preliminary review and will send an email if there is an indication of a warning or an error, or if the proposal will forwarded to the agency.

If the email indicates an error in the proposal, Grants.gov will stop the submission process and not forward the proposal to NIH. The PI must fix the errors as indicated by grants.gov and the proposal must be resubmitted to grants.gov.

If the email indicates a warning, Grants.gov will hold the proposal for 48 hours. If the PI does not respond to the warning then the proposal will be forwarded to NIH for review.
Proposal submissions to other federal agencies using grants.gov do not generate error or warning email.

**Financial Disclosure Form Reminder**
NSF and NIH/PHS proposal submissions require the PI, CO-Is and Key Personnel to complete and sign the Financial Disclosure Form. This is a reminder that it is in the best interest of the staff, PIs and the University that department staff do not sign these forms on behalf of their respective PIs.

The Financial Disclosure Form can be found here.  
[http://www.research.missouri.edu/forms/forms_dept.htm#ospa](http://www.research.missouri.edu/forms/forms_dept.htm#ospa).

**Discussion:**

**New proposal Checklist question**
In the Peoplesoft Grants module, there is a new question on the Checklist page in the Maintain Proposal category.

“Do you know the original Proposal ID?” If “Yes” then another line pop up and ask you for the proposal ID.

This is useful if you’re completing another year of funding to an existing project or entering a new period of funding for an existing project. If you use the Copy Proposal feature this is the correct place to put the old proposal number. Please leave the proposal number for the new proposals as NEXT.