

Award Purpose Determination Guide

		Characteristics	Examples
Research	Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic - to acquire new knowledge without a particular application in mind • Applied - to gain knowledge to meet a specific, recognized need • Development - using knowledge gained from research toward the production of useful materials, systems, or methods, including prototypes or processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific laboratory or field research • Searching for applications of new research • Statistical studies or analysis • Literary interpretations or criticisms • Health-related studies
	General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systematic investigation • Contributions to generalized knowledge • Supporting, refining, or refuting other research • Production of research outcomes • Intent to publish or disseminate results • Aim to discover new facts • Data collection, evaluation, analysis or reporting • Evaluating effectiveness of program/intervention using an evidence-based approach • Tracking subjects or participants over time and providing analysis • Training - teaching individuals in research techniques in the same facilities as R&D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on teaching effectiveness • Creation of academic or professional publications • Testing and evaluation • Scholarship or writing of books when the purpose is to publish research results • Research training grants • Maintain facilities, equipment, operation of a facility to be used for research
Instruction		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The teaching and training activities of an institution, except research training • Can be activities that offer credits toward a degree • Instruction, demonstration, or efforts to improve teaching methods • Evaluation of curriculum or teaching methods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching • Course and curriculum development • Academic advising and development • Instructional or training workshops for non-University students • Support for writing textbooks, videos, or software to be used as instructional materials • Community service projects where academic credit is earned
Other		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of professional (non-instruction) services to individuals and groups external to the institution • Not seeking publication of results or presentation of results at an academic meeting • Support for teachers or students in elementary and high school for outreach purposes • Support for library collections or art museums • Support for activities where there is no training, data collection, or evaluation of any kind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences, seminars, and workshops • Special events open to the public • Summer Camps • Publications by University Press • Infrastructure purchases that don't impact research • Travel Grants

Use the information below to assist you in selecting the correct codes for entry into the PeopleSoft Grants Module while preparing your Proposal Signature Routing Sheet (ePSRS). For questions or additional information please contact your [Pre-Award Senior Grants and Contracts Administrator](#).

Funding Source and Type	Determined at proposal		OSPA Use Only
	Purpose	DeptID (PCS)	SEFA Cluster
Federal R&D	RESBA RESAP RESDV	xxxxxxx-22	R&D
Federal Research Training Grants (ex: T32)	RESBA	xxxxxxx-22	R&D
Federal Research Fellowships (ex: F31, F32)	RESBA, RESAP (must be OSA at proposal to have 82 PCS as an option. OSPA will change Purpose to RESBA at award)	xxxxxxx-82	R&D
Federal Instruction	INSTR	xxxxxxx-11	Other
Federal Student Financial Aid	OSA	xxxxxxx-81	SFA
Federal Other Sponsored Activity	OSA	xxxxxxx-32	Other
NIH/NSF R&D	RESBA RESAP RESDV	xxxxxxx-22	R&D
NIH/NSF Instruction	INSTR	xxxxxxx-11	R&D
NIH/NSF Other Sponsored Activity	OSA	xxxxxxx-32	R&D
Federal Clinical Trials	RESBA RESAP	xxxxxxx-22	R&D
Non Federal R&D	RESBA RESAP RESDV	xxxxxxx-22	Non-Fed
Non-Federal Research Fellowships	RESBA, RESAP (must be OSA at proposal to have 82 PCS as an option. OSPA will change Purpose to RESBA at award)	xxxxxxx-82	Non-Fed
Non-Federal Non-Research Fellowships ex: surgical fellowships	OSA	xxxxxxx-82	Non-Fed
Non-Federal Instruction	INSTR	xxxxxxx-11	Non-Fed
Non-Federal Other Sponsored Activity	OSA	xxxxxxx-32	Non-Fed
Non-Federal Clinical Trials (Sponsor Initiated)	RESBA RESAP RESDV	xxxxxxx-22	Non-Fed
Non-Federal Clinical Trials (PI Initiated)	RESBA RESAP RESDV	xxxxxxx-22	Non-Fed