

Dear Colleagues,

On January 25, 2008, the [National Science and Technology Council](#) (NSTC) published a [Federal Register Final Notice](#) giving federal agencies a new standard core set of administrative terms and conditions on research and research-related awards that are subject to [OMB Circular A-110](#), “Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements With Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations” (2 CFR part 215).

The new core set of research terms and conditions is largely based on the terms and conditions that have been used for a number of years by the [Federal Demonstration Partnership](#) (FDP). The goal is to create greater consistency in the administration of federal research awards.

Effective July 1, 2008, federal research agencies and awarding offices participating in the FDP must use the core set of administrative requirements, to the maximum practicable extent, in their research and research-related grant awards to organizations that are subject to OMB Circular A-110. Agencies and awarding offices may supplement the core set with agency-specific, program-specific, or award-specific administrative requirements, but should limit supplemental requirements to those that are consistent with OMB Circular A-110 or required by a statute that supersedes that part, and necessary for programmatic purposes or good stewardship of federal funds.

Other agencies and awarding offices that are not participating in the FDP are encouraged to replace administrative requirements in awards to organizations that are subject to OMB Circular A-110 with the core set of standard requirements and similarly limit their supplementation of those standard requirements.

The National Science Foundation has established a [Research Terms and Conditions](#) web page that consolidates and organizes the new administrative requirements and related documents. The webpage can be accessed from the Office of Research-Sponsored Projects award administration webpage at http://www.research.ucsb.edu/s_p/award_administration.shtml

The page currently includes:

- [Federal Register Notice - Final Notice of Standard Terms and Conditions for Research Grants](#)
- [Research Terms and Conditions Agency Implementation Statements](#)
- [Research Terms and Conditions](#)
- [Research Terms and Conditions Appendix B Subaward Requirements](#)
- [Research Terms and Conditions Appendix C National Policy Requirements](#)
- [Prior Approval Matrix](#)
- Agency Specific Research Terms and Conditions
 - [DOD/AFOSR - July 2008](#)
 - [DOD/AMRMC - July 2008](#)
 - [DOD/ARO - July 2008](#)
 - [DOD/ONR - July 2008](#)
 - [DOE - July 2008](#)
 - [EPA - July 2008](#)
 - [HHS/NIH - July 2008](#)

- NASA - [July 2008](#)
- NSF - [July 2008](#)
- USDA/CSREES - [July 2008](#)

Please note that each Agency's implementation of the Research Terms and Conditions is different. Thus, we encourage you to carefully review the Research Terms and Conditions Agency Implementation Statements and the Agency Specific Research Terms and Conditions as they will apply to awards received from FDP and non-FDP Agencies as early as July 1st.

Effective July 1st, Sponsored Projects has established a new condition code in Orbit to identify award that incorporate the Research Terms and Conditions.

If you should have any questions, please direct them to your Sponsored Projects Analyst.