Dear Colleague,

As we have been communicating throughout the year, new federal grants management regulations known as the Uniform Guidance will go into effect on December 26th. This guidance supersedes requirements from OMB Circulars A-21, A-110 and A-133 and consolidates the federal government's guidance on Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for federal awards. All new federal awards and most non-competing renewals made on or after December 26, 2014 will be subject to the new Guidance.

To support researchers and administrators in this transition, Columbia’s Uniform Guidance Task Force has created a number of resources, including a new reference guide - *What PIs Need to Know after December 26th*. The reference guide is attached, and is also available on the Uniform Guidance website: [http://spa.columbia.edu/uniform-guidance](http://spa.columbia.edu/uniform-guidance).

In addition to the material on the website, including updates, new tools, and links to outside resources, Task Force members have been meeting with faculty and staff in schools and departments to discuss implementation of the Uniform Guidance. In the coming months, workshops for research administrators will also be offered. As the funding agencies make available additional information about the Uniform Guidance implementation, the Task Force will continue to update you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send them to uniform-guidance@columbia.edu.

Sincerely,

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