Changes and Tips for Completing New NIH Forms – 01/25/2018

*New NIH submission forms take more time and require more decisions than in past submission cycles. Please see below for changes and tips for completing forms.*

Open and examine new forms early. They are more detailed.
The context of writing grant proposals has changed since the last submission cycle with respect to the forms for submission. **Filling out these forms will require more time and more attention to detail than in past submissions.**

Human Subjects instructions require early consideration.
The forms, as they relate to human subjects, are more specific and indicate what should and should not be included in both methods and human subjects.

Clinical Trial decision and designation adds to the complexity of forms.
In addition, there is the need to describe submitted research as a clinical trial if it meets clinical trial criteria.

FOA’s may provide additional information relative to filling out forms.
We advise not waiting until the last minute to look over the forms designated within the funding announcements. **We also** suggest paying close attention to what is required in the funding announcements, as the FOA instructions relate to filling out the forms.

Material in appendix is restricted.

**NOT-OD-16-129**
**NOT-OD-17-035**
**NOT-OD-17-098**

Additionally, over the past few months there have been a number of public communications from NIH indicating that issues of subject inclusion to include sex differences, scientific rigor to include better support of the research premise, and accurate estimations of power in research designs are being emphasized in peer review. We advise that applicants do not wait until the last minute or the next summary statement to learn about these considerations.