

# Sponsored Programs Accounting Monthly

## Uniform Guidance

### Reform of Federal Grants Policies



Federal guidelines for higher education awards (currently OMB A-21, A-110 & A-133) are merging with five other circulars into one comprehensive document called [Uniform Guidance \(UG\)](#).

The effective date for the new Uniform Guidance rules is 12/26/14. All federal agencies have modified their own agency terms and conditions to meet the new requirements. Unfortunately, those have not yet been released to the public. We are told that they will be released *around* 12/26/14.

### Links to info:

OMB Uniform Guidance:  
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-12-26/pdf/2013-30465.pdf>

Uniform Guidance FAQs:  
<https://cfo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/2014-08-29-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

Council On Financial Assistance Reform (COFAR):  
<https://cfo.gov/cofar/>

All new federal awards (and incremental funding of existing awards) issued after 12/26/14 will be subject to the new agency terms & conditions and Uniform Guidance. Older awards will likely be a mix of old and new rules depending on how each agency handles any modifications to older segments of funding.

Our website has been updated to include a [Crosswalk between UG & A-21/A-110/A-133](#) and [UG Prior Written Approvals](#).

Our office is in the process of writing new PPM chapters to reflect the changes. We are holding off on the publication in order to see what modifications are included in the individual federal agency implementations. We will continue to share updates with you through our listserv. The first few months of 2015 are likely to bring lots of new information. Please remember, we are here to help you. If you are ever in doubt, we encourage you to reach out to your department's SPA contact or call/email Shannon, Roger or Laura for assistance.

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