

DOR Updates and Reminders

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Agenda

- What are Internal Awards
- Use of funds
- Extension Request Reminders
- Human Subject Compensation

What are Internal Awards

- Internal Awards
 - Competitive process where PIs apply
 - I project IDs
- Research Investments
 - Faculty Startup or other investment into campus and are non-competitive
 - R Project IDs
- Trip Match Funds
 - Texas Research Incentive Program provides matching funds to assist in leveraging private gifts for the enhancement of research productivity and faculty recruitment
 - Fund 5999 with C Project ID
- Do not need DOR Approvals for eRAFs
- Do not choose OCG path on vouchers or journals

Use of Funds

- Each fund source has specific restrictions
 - 2091 IDC
 - May not be used as noted in the Account List online
 - 1121 NRUF
 - for the support and maintenance of educational and general activities that promote increased research capacity at the institution.
 - 1124 CRSF
 - promote increased research capacity at emerging research universities
 - 1008 HEAF
 - Acquisition of land, construction, renovation, acquisition of equipment, and library books
 - Common misuses: Gases, office supplies, travel
- Additional information can be found on the DOR website at <https://uh.edu/research/funding-opportunities/research-investments/>

Extension Requests reminders

- Awards have a specific end date/period of performance
 - Orders can be placed until the end date
 - Will need an open commitment on 1074 (requisition or PO)
 - Soft commitments may not be considered for extensions
- There is 90-day closeout period to allow final bill processing
 - New orders should not be placed in this period without prior approval
- Extension requests received on the 91st day or later will be automatically rejected
 - If you are unsure if you need an extension, reach out before the deadline
 - Complete an extension request and email to dorbizop@central.uh.edu or upload to a Function Request in PeopleSoft Grants
- New this year, CRSF funds (1124 fund code) that are unspent and unencumbered may be subject for return to the State of Texas

Human Subject Compensation

- All UH faculty, staff, or students proposing to engage in any research activity involving the use of human subjects must have approval from the IRB prior to the recruitment of subjects or the initiation of research procedures.
- One of the things they review is the type of compensation method that is provided
 - If the study indicates cash, we cannot offer gift cards (and vice versa)
 - If the study indicates only Walmart gift cards, we cannot offer Target
- If your PIs need to update their compensation method, they need to update their IRB Protocol in ICON
- If you have questions on what has been approved prior to signing Gift Card Request Forms, reach out to the Research Integrity Office (RIO)
- Additional information can be found on the DOR website at <https://uh.edu/research/compliance/irb/>

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