

## **NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) - Other Support Questionnaire for PSU Faculty:**

NIH issued an important notice effective July 10, 2019 ([NOT-OD-19-114](#)), clarifying its expectations for disclosure of Other Support. In addition to disclosing all research activity administered through Penn State, NIH researchers are also expected to disclose all resources made available to a researcher in support of and/or related to all of their research endeavors, regardless of whether or not they have monetary value and regardless of whether they are based at Penn State or received external to Penn State. NIH interprets Other Support to include the following:

1. Endowment(s), other PSU Unit/Department support, and retention funds provided in support of an investigator's research (amount currently available)
2. PSU Seed/internal grant (amount currently available)
3. Paid or unpaid appointment(s) at another institution, "including affiliations with foreign entities or governments. This includes titled academic, professional, or institutional appointments whether or not remuneration is received, and whether full-time, part-time, or voluntary (including adjunct, visiting, or honorary)."
4. Other "research resources, including, but not limited to, foreign financial support, research or laboratory personnel, lab space, scientific materials, selection to a foreign "talents" or similar-type program, or other foreign or domestic support." Please include start-up funds provided by institutions other than PSU (amount currently available).
5. "Financial support for laboratory personnel" or "provision of high-value materials that are not freely available (e.g., biologics, chemical, model systems, technology, etc.). (Note: Other Support includes support "provided directly to an individual that supports the senior/key personnel's research efforts," so if support is being provided to a Visiting Scholar or other personnel who is supporting your research efforts, such support must be disclosed.
6. Research collaboration(s) at another institution that directly benefit the investigator's research endeavors. Please review NIH's definition of [foreign components](#). Any new foreign components added to an NIH project require NIH's prior approval.
7. Research performed outside of a faculty member's appointment (e.g., a faculty member with a 9-month appointment at Penn State and a two month appointment at another institution performed during the summer)
8. Outside Activities such as consulting "provided directly to an individual that supports the senior/key personnel's research efforts"

While this questionnaire relates specifically to NIH guidance, other sponsors may require similar levels of detail in Other Support forms. Please see the [NIH FAQ](#) for more information.

PSU Faculty are responsible for ensuring that their Other Support forms are accurate and complete. Research Administrators have limited or no knowledge of many of the items that Federal sponsors are now asking about such as external consulting/appointments/collaborations and internal PSU grants/endowments.