

Acronym Soup for the Research Administrator's Soul

Have you ever sat in a room with other research administrators and felt like they were all speaking a different language than you? Were they using terms like NCURA, CCR, F&A or EAR? Were you smiling and nodding, pretending that you understood all the while trying desperately to guess what the letters meant? Then you, too, have experienced what we like to call "Acronym Soup." This interactive session will demystify those acronyms and many more. In this session you will participate in a crossword puzzle and a game of Jeopardy that will help you to join in the fun of creating the next batch of Acronym Soup.

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NGA

Notice of Grant Award

Legally binding document that

1. notifies the grantee and others that an award has been made
2. Contains or references all terms and conditions of the award
3. Documents the obligation of funds



CFR

Code of Federal Regulations

An annually revised codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register.



MOU

Memorandum of Understanding

A document describing a bilateral or multilateral agreement between parties.



MTA

Material Transfer Agreement

A legal document defining the conditions under which research or other materials can be transferred and used among research laboratories.



RCR

Responsible Conduct of Research

Training and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of research to undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral researchers.



PO

Program Officer

Official responsible for the programmatic, scientific, and/or technical aspects of a grant.



PI

Principal Investigator

An individual designated by the grantee to direct the project or activity being supported by the grant. He or she is responsible and accountable to the grantee and agency for the proper conduct of the project or activity.

Also know as Program Director or Project Director.



SRO

Sponsored Research Office

Office located either centrally or departmentally, that assists in the review and submission of applications for external funding.



CO

Contracting Officer

Government employee authorized to execute contractual agreements on behalf of the government.



COTR

Contract Officer Technical Representative

A business communications liaison between the United States government and a private contractor to ensure their goals are mutually beneficial.



RFA

Request for Applications

A formal statement that invites grant or cooperative agreement applications in a well-defined scientific area to accomplish specific program objectives.



BAA

Broad Agency Announcement

A competitive solicitation procedure used to obtain proposals for basic and applied research and that part of development not related to the development of a specific system or hardware procurement.



CCR

Central Contractor Registration Database

The main vendor database for the U.S. Federal Government.



CSR

Center for Scientific Review

The NIH component responsible for the receipt and referral of applications to the PHS, as well as the initial review for scientific merit of most applications submitted to the NIH.



CFDA

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

A government-wide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities which provide assistance or benefits to the American public.



GMO

Grants Management Officer

Official responsible for the business management aspects of grants and cooperative agreements, including review, negotiation, award, and administration, and for the interpretation of grants administration policies and provisions.



FASAB

Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board

A U.S. federal advisory committee whose mission is to develop generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for federal financial reporting entities.



FFATA

Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

Signed on September 26, 2006, the intent is to empower every American with the ability to hold the government accountable for each spending decision. The end result is to reduce wasteful spending in the government.



ASAP

Automated Standard Application for Payments

Electronic system that allows grantee organizations receiving federal funds to draw from accounts pre-authorized by federal agencies.



HIPAA

Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act

Law from 1996 that amends the Internal Revenue Code to improve portability of health insurance coverage, promote medical savings accounts, improve access to long-term care services and coverage, and simplify administration of health insurance.



DC

Direct Costs

Costs that can be specifically identified with a particular project or activity.



IDC

Indirect Cost

Costs that are incurred by a grantee for common or joint objectives and cannot be identified specifically with a particular project or program. Also known as Facilities and Administrative Costs.



FY

Fiscal Year

The annual period established for Government accounting purposes. The Federal Fiscal Year begins October 1 and ends September 30 of the following year.



CBO

Congressional Budget Office

Primary congressional agency charged with reviewing congressional budgets and other legislative initiatives with budgetary implications.



CASB

Cost Accounting Standards Board

CASB is an independent statutorily-established Board consisting of five members who have the exclusive authority to make, promulgate, and amend cost accounting standards and interpretations designed to achieve uniformity and consistency in the cost accounting practices governing the measurement, assignment, and allocation of costs to contracts within the United States.



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NGA Notice of Grant Award	PO Program Officer	RFA Request for Applications	GMO Grants Management Officer	DC Direct Costs
CFR Code of Federal Regulations	PD Project Director	BAA Broad Agency Announcement	FASAB Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board	IDC Indirect Costs
MOU Memorandum of Understanding	SRO Sponsored Research Office	CCR Central Contractor Registry	FFATA Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act	FY Fiscal Year
MTA Materials Transfer Agreement	CO Contracting Officer	CSR Center for Scientific Review	ASAP Automated Standard Application for Payments	CBO Congressional Budget Office
RCR Responsible Conduct in Research	COTR Contract Officer Technical Representative	CFDA Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance	HIPAA Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	CASB Cost Accounting Standards Board

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GSA

General Services Administration

An independent agency of the United States government, established in 1949 to help manage and support the basic functioning of federal agencies.



IBC

Institutional Biosafety Committee

Committee charged by Federal law with the planning and implementation of the campus Biosafety Program with a purpose to ensure the health and safety of all personnel working with biohazardous agents.



AAU

Association of American Universities

A nonprofit association of 61 U.S. and two Canadian preeminent public and private research universities.



MBE

Minority Business Enterprise

A business which is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled on a daily basis by one or more (in combination) American citizens of the following ethnic minority classifications:

1. African American
2. Asian American (includes West Asian Americans (India etc.) and East Asian Americans (Japan Korea etc.))
3. Hispanic American – not of the Iberian peninsula
4. Native American including Aleuts



PTO

Patent and Trademark Office

The Federal agency for granting U.S. patents and registering trademarks.



DHHS

Department of Health & Human Services

The United States government's principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services, especially for those who are least able to help themselves.



ARO

Army Research Office

The Army's premier extramural basic research agency in the engineering, physical, information and life sciences; developing and exploiting innovative advances to insure the Nation's technological superiority. Basic research proposals from educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private industry are competitively selected and funded.



AFOSR

Air Force Office of Scientific Research

AFOSR manages the basic research investment for the U.S. Air Force. AFOSR's technical experts foster and fund research within the Air Force Research Laboratory, universities and industry laboratories to ensure the transition of research results to support USAF needs.



DARPA

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

DARPA's mission is to maintain the technological superiority of the U.S. military and prevent technological surprise from harming our national security by sponsoring revolutionary, high-payoff research bridging the gap between fundamental discoveries and their military use.



DTRA

Defense Threat Recognition Agency

DTRA is the U.S. Department of Defense's official Combat Support Agency for countering weapons of mass destruction.



FAR

Federal Acquisition Regulations

The primary document, and agency acquisition regulations that implement or supplement the Federal Acquisition Regulations System, which was established for the codification and publication of uniform policies and procedures for acquisition by all executive agencies.



DFAR

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations

The DFARS are the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement, a supplement to the FAR that provides DoD specific acquisition regulations.



DEAR

Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations

Uniform acquisition policies from the Department of Energy which implement and supplement the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)).



EDGAR

Education Department General Acquisition Regulations

Parts 74-99 of the Code of Federal Regulations are collectively known as the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). These parts contain regulations for administering discretionary and formula grants awarded by the Department of Education.



DODGARS

DOD Grant and Agreement Regulations

Department-wide policies and procedures for the award and administration of DoD grants and agreements.



EO

Executive Order

An order issued by the President, the head of the executive branch of the federal government. Executive orders are usually issued to guide officers and agencies of the Executive branch in managing the operations within the Federal Government itself.



EFT

Electronic Funds Transfer

A safe, secure, efficient, and less expensive electronic alternative to paper check payments and collections often used by the Federal government.



IP

Intellectual Property

Refers to a number of distinct types of creations of the mind for which a set of exclusive rights are recognized – and the corresponding fields of law.



SF

Standard Form

Forms for reporting on federal grants and cooperative agreements, provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).



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PMS

Payment Management System

Automated system for the delivery and tracking of funds which the HHS Division of Payment Management (DPM) operated. Grant payments to non-Federal grantee institutions are made available through PMS.



DCAA

Defense Contract Audit Agency

The DCAA, while serving the public interest as its primary customer, shall perform all necessary contract audits for the Department of Defense and provide accounting and financial advisory services regarding contracts and subcontracts to all DoD Components responsible for procurement and contract administration.



DNDO

Domestic Nuclear Detection Office

A jointly staffed agency within the Department of Homeland Security. It is the primary entity in the U.S. government for implementing domestic nuclear detection efforts for a managed and coordinated response to radiological and nuclear threats, as well as integration of federal nuclear forensics programs. Additionally, DNDO is charged with coordinating the development of the global nuclear detection and reporting architecture, with partners from federal, state, local, and international governments and the private sector.



AFARS

Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement

The Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS) implements and supplements the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), the Defense FAR Supplement (DFARS) and the DFARS Procedures, Guidance and Information (PGI) to establish uniform policies for Army acquisition.



FFRDC

Federally Funded Research and Development Center

An FFRDC meets some special long-term research or development need which cannot be met as effectively by existing in-house or contractor resources. FFRDC's enable agencies to use private sector resources to accomplish tasks that are integral to the mission and operation of the sponsoring agency.



ITAR

International Traffic in Arms Regulations

A set of United States government regulations that control the export and import of defense-related articles and services on the United States Munitions List. These regulations implement the provisions of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), and are described in Title 22 (Foreign Relations), Chapter I (Department of State), Subchapter M of the Code of Federal Regulations.



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INSTITUTES/CENTERS

Name 5 of the 27
Institutes/Centers that
makeup the
National Institutes of
Health

OD -	Office of the Director
NCI -	National Cancer Institute
NEI -	National Eye Institute
NHLBI -	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
NHGRI -	National Human Genome Research Institute
NIA -	National Institute on Aging
NIAAA -	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
NIAID -	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
NIAMS -	National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
NIBIB -	National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
NICHD -	Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
NIDCD -	National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders
NIDCR -	National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
NIDDK -	National Institute on Drug Abuse
NIEHS -	National Institute on Environmental Health Sciences
NIGMS -	National Institute of General Medical Sciences
NIMH -	National Institute of Mental Health
NIMHD -	National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
NINDS -	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
NINR -	National Institute of Nursing Research
NLM -	National Library of Medicine
CIT -	Center for Information Technology
CSR -	Center for Scientific Review
FIC -	John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in Health Sciences
NCCAM -	National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine
NCRR -	National Center For Research Resources
CC -	NIH Clinical Center

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AAU Association of American Universities	AFOSR Air Force Office of Scientific Research	DEAR Department of Energy Acquisition Regulations	IP Intellectual Property	AFARS Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement
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