

Glossary of Sponsored Programs Terms and Abbreviations

Below are some terms and abbreviations to help you decode “grant-speak.” If you have suggestions for additions to this list, please email your recommendations to **OSP – Information Services** (foundation-osp-infoservices@sjsu.edu).

Term or Abbreviation	Description
A-21	OMB Circular: Cost Principles for Educational Institutions
ACUC	Animal Care and Use Committee (also called IACUC elsewhere): Campus committee that reviews protocols for animal subject research
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AOR	Authorized Organization Representative
AREA	Academic Research Enhancement Award – NIH grant program
ASSIST	Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking
BAA	Broad Agency Announcement
Bayh-Dole Act	The Bayh-Dole Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-517; 35 U.S.C. 200-212), implemented by 37 CFR 401, affords grantees the right to elect title and retain ownership to inventions they develop with funding under an NIH grant award.
CCLI	Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement – NSF grant program
CDC	Center for Disease Control – Federal agency
CFDA	Code of Federal Domestic Assistance
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
COI	Conflict of Interest
Consultant	An individual whose expertise is required temporarily to perform a project. Services are specialized or highly technical.
Contractor	An individual who enters into a binding agreement to perform a specific service or provide a specific product in exchange for compensation.
CSR	Center for Scientific Review
CSREES	Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service – funding arm of USDA

DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Project Agency
Direct Costs	Costs related to a specific project that can be clearly identified such as salaries and wages, fringe benefits, supplies, equipment, contractual services, and travel.
DoD	Department of Defense – Federal agency
DoE	Department of Energy – Federal agency
DoEd	Department of Education – Federal agency
DoJ	Department of Justice – Federal agency
DOT	Department of Transportation
DUNS Number	The unique nine-digit identification number assigned by Dun & Bradstreet to identify a specific business or entity.
EIN	Entity Identification Number– A three-part coding scheme of 12 characters used in the Program Management System (PMS) to identify organizations and individuals.
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency – Federal agency
eRA	Electronic Research Administration – The system provide by NIH that gives applicants, grantees and federal staff the tools necessary for electronic processing of grants.
Equipment	(Federal definition) – an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year that has a cost (including tax, shipping, and installation) of more than \$5000. Anything under this threshold is considered Supplies .
F&A	Facilities and Administrative costs (formerly referred to as indirect costs or IDC). – F&A costs are those costs that cannot be easily assigned to a specific project. They general in nature and may include electricity, water, utilities, and administrative research services.
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulation
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FIPSE	Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Schools – US Dept. of Education grant program
Fringe Benefits	Employee benefits paid by the employer (FICA, Worker’s Compensation, Withholding Tax, Insurance, etc.).
FOA	Funding Opportunity Announcement
FWA	Federal Wide Assurance – Federal approval number for each IRB
FY	Fiscal Year– Defined twelve-month period. The SJSU Research Foundation fiscal year is July 1 through June 30; the federal fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

GAO	Government Accountability Office
GMO	Grants Management Officer
GMS	Grants Management Specialist
GPG	Grant Proposal Guide (NSF)
HBCU	Historically Black College and University
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services (previously known as DHHS) – Federal agency
HSI	Hispanic-Serving Institution
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development – Federal agency
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee – Campus committee that reviews protocols for use of laboratory animals in research projects.
ICR	Indirect Cost Recovery – What is collected in Facilities and Administrative cost.
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IP	Intellectual Property
IRB	Institutional Review Board – Campus committee that reviews protocols for use of human subjects in research projects.
LOI	Letter of Intent– informs the agency or organization that an application will be submitted in response to a request for proposal or solicitation.
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTDC	Modified Total Direct Cost
MRI	Major Research Instrumentation – NSF grant program
MSI	Minority Serving Institution
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration– Federal agency
NCURA	National Council of University Research Administrators – Professional society
NDA	Non-disclosure Agreement
NEA	National Endowment for the Arts – Federal agency
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities – Federal agency
NIA	National Institute on Aging (NIH)

NIBIB	National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIH)
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH)
NIH	National Institutes of Health – Federal agency
NIJ	National Institute of Justice – Federal agency
NINDS	National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NIH)
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – Federal agency
NSA	National Security Agency – Federal agency
NSF	National Science Foundation – Federal agency
OCR	Office for Civil Rights OIG: Office of the Inspector General (or just IG)
OMB	Office of Management and Budget – US government office that sets rules for receiving and administering federal grants
PA	Program Announcement
PAPPG	Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide – NSF publication
Pass-Through Entity	A non-Federal entity that provides a subaward to a subrecipient to carry out part of a Federal program.
PD	Program Director – sometimes used to refer to the individual with overall responsibility for the project. The term PI or principal investigator is generally used to refer to the individual in this role.
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	Principal Investigator – the individual who is primarily responsible for the overall conduct of a project.
PMS	Program Management System
R01	NIH Research Project Grant Program
R03	NIH Small Grant Program
R15	NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA)
R21	NIH Exploratory Research Grant
R25	NIH Education Research Grant Program
REU	Research Experience for Undergrads – NSF grant program
RFA	Request For Application

RFP	RFP: Request For Proposal
RISE	Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement – NIH grant program
RPPR	Research Performance Progress Report
SAM	Official U.S. government System for Award Management
SBA	Small Business Administration – Federal agency
SBIR	Small Business Innovation Research
SCORE	Support of Continuous Research Excellence – NIH grant program
SOW	Statement of Work – Needed for subcontracts
SPIN	Sponsored Programs Information Network – Web-based funding opportunities database
Sponsor	Also referred to as “agency” or “sponsoring agency.” The organization that funds the project.
SRA	Society of Research Administrators – professional society
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics
STTR	Small Business Technology Transfer Program
Subrecipient	Federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal program; but does not include an individual that is a beneficiary of such program.
TDC	Total Direct Cost – cost base for applying an F&A rate
Time & Effort	Official reports on the time and/or effort someone expends working on an externally funded project. Also called Effort Reporting
USAID	United States Agency for International Development – Federal agency
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture – Federal agency
USDE	United States Department of Education

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National Science Foundation

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