As you read in the January newsletter, Victoria Jones recently joined the Research Administration team and now manages the daily operations of the University’s Financial Conflict of Interest in Sponsored Research policy. As part of the ongoing changes in this work, the Office of the Associate Vice President for Research Administration will unveil a new training module in early May 2016.

This new module focuses on the Significant Financial Interest disclosure, review, and management processes and was redesigned to be more efficient, user-friendly and structured.

Investigators will learn:

- What constitutes a significant financial interest;
- Who is required to disclose a significant financial interest;
- When and how to disclose a significant financial interest;
- How the significant financial interest is reviewed;
- How a significant financial interest that is a conflict of interest may be managed.

As per the University’s policy on Financial Conflict of Interest, which provides the framework for investigators and the institution to comply with the related Federal regulations and other funding agency requirements, the training is mandatory for all investigators, every four years.

The launch of this new training module coincides with the upcoming obligation for most investigators to renew their quadrennial training on Financial Conflict of Interest. Most investigators took their first training in the summer of 2012 following the issuance of the final rule by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on Responsibility of Applicants for Promoting Objectivity in Research for which PHS Funding is Sought (42 C.F.R. Part 50, Subpart F).

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