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TO: NIH-funded Florida State University Researchers/Authors and Potential NIH Grant Applicants

As you know, interest in having access by the scientific community and the public at large to peer-reviewed, scholarly publications has grown enormously in recent years as individuals get involved in deciding their personal health care treatments. Any enhancement in the availability of such publications to end users, especially on a timely basis, can be viewed as a very positive development. Recent Federal statutory requirements will strongly impact access to published work and will require NIH-funded investigators to facilitate the process.

NIH has released its new Public Access policy based on this law¹ which becomes effective April 7, 2008. Under the new federal law, NIH is now requiring that the author's final version of any peer-reviewed journal article resulting from NIH-funded activities must be submitted to the PubMed Central (PMC) repository where it will be made available to the public within 12 months after the journal article is published. This applies to articles accepted for publication on or after April 7, 2008. This new policy has several compliance issues that Florida State University authors need to address.

¹The Director of the National Institutes of Health shall require that all investigators funded by the NIH submit or have submitted for them to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic version of their final, peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication: Provided, That the NIH shall implement the public access policy in a manner consistent with copyright law.

Key Compliance Issues:

- Copyright- Florida State University authors must ensure that agreements with publishers permit the submission of the author's manuscript to NIH.
- Submission of Your Manuscripts- For peer-reviewed manuscripts accepted for publication on or after April 7, 2008, Florida State University authors must submit the final, accepted version of the manuscript, and accompanying files, to the NIH Manuscript Submission System (NIHMS). In certain cases, publishers may submit for you the final, accepted version of the manuscript or the final published version of the paper.

- Citing PubMed Central ID Numbers- When your manuscript is submitted to NIH you will receive a NIHMS ID number, and once it is available in PubMed Central, it will be assigned a PMC ID number. Effective May 25, 2008, you will need to cite the PMC ID or NIHMS ID numbers for any articles you cite in your progress reports, new applications, and renewals. These are only needed for articles accepted for publication on or after April 7, 2008, but you may include PMC ID numbers for articles already in PubMed Central as well.

FSU's Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library, in consultation with other libraries on campus, has developed a website which addresses all aspects of NIH's Public Access Policy (weblink- <http://www.med.fsu.edu/library/nih/>). This site contains resources and services to support authors, grant managers and others involved in complying with these new requirements. Additional information will be distributed as it becomes available. As a part of the compliance process, the FSU C&G proposal transmittal form will be modified to contain a section certifying that the principal investigator is aware of the new NIH Public Access policy.

Sincerely,



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