IMPORTANT UPDATES:

Goodbye, FORMS-F, Hello FORMS-G
Applicants applying to NIH funding opportunities with due dates on or after January 25, 2022 must use updated application forms and instructions identified with a Competition ID of "FORMS-G."

Key changes in the FORMS-G update include:

- Transition from DUNS to a unique entity identifier (UEI) issued by SAM.gov as the official identifier for doing business with the federal government (**NOT-OD-21-170**.) See *Goodbye DUNS, Hello UEI.*
- Updated biosketch and other support format pages (**NOT-OD-21-110**.)
- Updated country and state dropdown lists across all forms.
- Increased character limit to 100 characters for "Department" and "Division" fields.
- Expanded requirement for a Commons ID to all senior/key personnel (**NOT-OD-21-109**.)
- Increased number of "Other" direct cost budget lines from 3 to 10.
- Added "Childcare Costs" section to Fellowship Supplemental Form (**NOT-OD-21-074**.)
- Added question regarding Technical and Business Assistance (TABA) to the SBIR/STTR Information form (**NOT-OD-21-082**.)

Application guides for FORMS-G application packages will be posted to the **How to Apply – Application Guide** page no later than October 25, 2021.

You can **find more details here**.

Goodbye, DUNS, HELLO UEI
For many years, the NIH and other federal agencies have required organizations to obtain a Dun & Bradstreet DUNS number issued as part of the registration process to apply for and receive federal funding.

By April 2022, the federal government will phase out the use of DUNS numbers and move to a 12-character unique entity identifier (UEI) created in SAM.gov. This transition, led by the General Services Administration, streamlines SAM.gov registration for new entities and eliminates the need to work through Dun & Bradstreet for ongoing entity management.

What does this mean for NIH applicants and recipients?
- If already registered in SAM.gov, a UEI was automatically generated for your entity and is visible in both SAM.gov and Grants.gov.
- Beginning October 2021, entities registered in eRA Commons will begin to see their UEI populated in the Institutional Profile File (IPF). No entity action required.
- Entities registering in SAM.gov prior to April 2022 must still obtain a DUNS number before registering in SAM and a UEI will be assigned during registration.
- Beginning October 2021, recipients' UEI will be populated on Page One of the Notice of Award. The recipient UEI will also be transmitted in award data reported to the **HHS Tracking Accountability in Government Grants System (TAGGS)** and **USASpending.gov**.
- For applications due on or after January 25, 2022, applicants must have a UEI at the time of application submission. Grant application forms and instructions will be updated to reflect and require UEI instead of DUNS. See *Goodbye FORMS-F, Hello FORMS-G*.

You can **find more details here**.