

The Alphabet Soup of Research Administration An Index of Commonly Used Acronyms

A-110	OMB Circular: Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals or Other Nonprofit Organizations
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AAALAC	American Association of Animal Laboratory Accreditation Council
AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Sciences
ACE	American Council on Education
ACO	Administrative Contracting Officer
ACS	American Cancer Society
AFOSR	Air Force Office of Scientific Research
AHA	American Heart Association
AID	Agency for International Development
AOR	Authorized Organizational Representative
ARC	Animal Resource Center
ARI	Army Research Institute
ARO	Army Research Office
AUTM	Association of University Technology Managers
BAA	Broad Agency Announcement
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CAS	Cost Accounting Standards
CCR	Central Contractor Registration
CDC	Center for Disease Control
CFDA	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CPB	Corporation for Public Broadcasting
CRADA	Cooperative Research and Development Agreement
CO	Contracting Officer
COI	Conflict of Interest
COS	Community of Science
COGR	Council on Governmental Relations
CWS	College Work Study
DARPA	Defense Applied Research Projects Agency
DC	Direct Costs
DEPSCoR	Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research
DFAR	Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DOC	Department of Commerce
DOD	Department of Defense
DOE	Department of Energy
DOEd	Department of Education
DOI	Department of Interior
DOL	Department of Labor
DOT	Department of Transportation
DRG	Division of Research Grants (NIH)
DRR	Division of Research Resources (NIH)
DUNs#	Dun & Bradstreet Number
EAR	Export Administration Regulations
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPSCoR	Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research
ERIC	Education Resources Information Clearinghouse
ERA	Electronic Research Administration
F&A	Facilities and Administrative Costs (formerly Indirect Costs)
FAR	Federal Acquisition Regulations
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FIPSE	Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education
FLSA	Fair Labor Standards Act
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FR	Federal Register
FSR	Financial Status Report
FY	Fiscal Year (MSU July 1 - June 30)
GPG	Grant Proposal Guide (NSF) now PAPPG - Proposal and Award Policies & Procedures Guide
GSA	General Services Administration

HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development
IACUC	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
IACP	Institutional Animal Care Program
IBC	Institutional Biosafety Committee
IDC	Indirect Costs (now called Facilities and Administrative Costs)
IG	Inspector General
IMOU	Internal Memorandum of Understanding
IP	Intellectual Property
IRB	Institutional Review Board
ITAR	International Traffic in Arms Regulations
ITD	Inception to Date (report)
JIT	Just-In-Time (NIH)
LAR	Laboratory Animal Resources
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRI	Major Research Instrumentation (NSF)
MTA	Material Transfer Agreement
MTDC	Modified Total Direct Costs
NAS	National Academy of Science
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCE	No Cost Extension
NCI	National Cancer Institute (NIH)
NCURA	National Council of University Research Administrators
NEH	National Endowment for the Humanities
NFAH	National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities
NIH	National Institutes of Health
NIH	National Institutes of Justice
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPS	National Park Service
NRL	Naval Research Laboratory
NRSA	National Research Service Award
NSF	National Science Foundation
O&M	Operations and Maintenance Costs
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
ONR	Office of Naval Research
ORI	Office of Research Integrity
OPAS	Organizational Prior Approval Systems
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OSI	Office of Science Integrity
OSP	Office of Sponsored Programs
PA	Program Announcement
PCF	Proposal Clearance Form (also ePCF - electronic Proposal Clearance Form)
PDF	Portable Document Format
PETA	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
PHS	Public Health Service
PI	Principal Investigator
PTF	Personnel Transaction Form
RDA	Recombinant DNA
REU	Research Experiences for Undergrads (NSF)
RFA	Request for Applications
RFP	Request for Proposal
RFQ	Request for Quotation
S&C	Scholarship and Creativity Grants
SBA	Small Business Administration
SOW	Statement of Work
SPA	Sponsored Programs Administration
SPIN	Sponsored Programs Information Network
STEM	Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
T&E	Time and Effort
TDC	Total Direct Costs
TTO	Technology Transfer Office
USAF	United States Air Force
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
UG	Uniform Guidance
USIA	United States Information Agency
VPR	Vice President for Research