

### **Workshop Title**

US Compliance – What is this thing called Uniform Guidance and how does it impact International Institutions?

### **Workshop Overview**

Any university that holds an agreement with a US federal agency or has a sub-award from a US institution needs to know about the US regulation called the Uniform Guidance (UG). The Uniform Guidance replaced eight OMB circulars (A-21, A-87, A-110, A-122, A-89, A-102, A-133 and A-50) that were responsible for compliance of US federal awards. Since the Uniform Guidance came into full effect on December 26, 2014 there has been a lot of confusion and a steep learning curve for research administrators to adapt to the new regulations regarding US federal funding and how the federal agencies are also adapting to the Uniform Guidance.

This workshop will provide expert knowledge on all aspects of the Uniform Guidance. It will also highlight the key points for foreign institutions and provide real case studies of how the regulations are interpreted and implications for future audits.

### **Workshop structure**

The workshop will be conducted in a highly interactive style, with case studies being woven into the workshop material. Teaching moments will be expanded on via life lessons learned and Q&A open opportunities. We encourage participants to come with current implementation challenges. The Uniform Guidance will be used in full text and participants will use it as the basis for case study analysis.

### **Experience level/ target audience**

Participants should have knowledge of US federal funding parameters and be involved in the administration of US sponsored programs at their institutions. Target audience includes central pre, post, and procurement administrators; departmental administrators; compliance officials and policy makers.

### **Learning Objectives:**

- Participants will be provided with an overview of the Uniform Guidance with highlighted key sections in pdf format
- Participants will be provided with a hands on, walk through approach to understand the Uniform Guidance
- Participants will review US agency implementations and impacts
- Participants will share implementation strategies
- Participants will explore real life case scenarios related to the Uniform Guidance and the impact on foreign institutions

### **Workshop presenters**

Denise J. Clark, Associate Vice President for Administration, Division of Research, University of Maryland College Park; Responsible for all institutional sponsored program activity including preaward, postaward, audit and compliance functions

Ann Holmes, Assistant Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland College Park; responsible for all College sponsored activities including proposal development, award monitoring; human subject compensation and incentives; closeout

Dennis Paffrath, Assistant Vice President, Office of Research Development, University of Maryland, Baltimore.; responsible for all non financial sponsored programs activity including a large NIH portfolio and international programs on multidisciplinary projects, clinical trials and fixed amount subawards.