

Course Topics and Learning Times

Federal Grants Update

Detailed Listing of Course Topics and Learning Times

Course Topics	Typical Learning Time (in minutes)
Module 1: Recent Developments for Grants Management	195
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1.1.1 Recent and Expected Changes to 2 CFR 200, Subparts A-F	
1.1.2 Revised SF-SAC Data Collection Form	
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1.2.1 The DATA Act	
1.2.1.1 What Does the DATA Act Mean for Grants Professionals?	
1.2.1.2 Implementation Status	
1.2.1.3 Pilot Projects	
1.2.1.4 Systems Administration	
1.2.1.5 Action Item List	
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1.2.2 The GREAT Act	
1.2.3 Implementation of NDAA Purchase Threshold Updates	
1.2.4 Changes for Research Grants	
1.2.4.1 21st Century Cures Act	
1.2.4.2 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017	
1.2.4.3 Other Changes for Research Grants	
1.2.5 GONE Act	
1.2.5.1 Requirements for Federal Agencies	
1.2.5.2 GAO Report on Closeout	
1.2.5.3 Initial Agency Reporting under the GONE Act	
1.2.6 Update to OMB Circular A-123	
1.2.6.1 Summary of A-123 Requirements	
1.2.6.2 Key Themes	
1.2.7 Program Management Improvement and Accountability Act (PMIAA) Implications for Grants	
1.2.8 FAPIIS	
1.2.8.1 FAPIIS Timeline	
1.2.8.2 FAPIIS Requirements and Best Practices	
1.2.9 Recent Executive Actions	
1.2.9.1 Elimination of the COFAR and Updates to Metrics	

1.2.9.2 President’s Management Agenda	
1.2.9.3 Government Reform and Reorganization	
1.2.10 Updates to the 2 CFR 200 FAQs	
1.2.11 OMB Memorandum 18-04: New Guidelines for Foreign Assistance Grants	
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1.3.1.3 OMB Circular A-123, Management's Responsibility for Enterprise Risk Management and Internal Control	
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2.1.1 Merit Review	
2.1.2 Risk Assessment	
2.1.3 Best Practices Checklist	
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3.2.1.1 What is Evaluation?	
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Appendices

Action Plan

Uniform Guidance Individual Agency Implementation and Exceptions

Federal Spending Data Elements

Action Item Lists for Implementing 2 CFR 200

FAPIS Reports

Sample Timesheet

Sample Audit and SF-SAC Form

Uniform Guidance Provisions for Completing Module Capstone

Presentation Slides