

To: CUNY's Research Community

From: Gillian M. Small, Vice Chancellor for Research

Date: August 14, 2012

Re: 2011 Public Health Service (PHS) Regulations

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued revised regulations regarding *Responsibility of Applicants for Promoting Objectivity in Research for which PHS Funding is Sought* in 2011. Institutions receiving PHS funding are expected to be in full compliance with the revised regulations by August 24, 2012. The revisions to these regulations change the requirements concerning the disclosure and review of financial conflicts of interest involving PHS funding, introduce requirements for monitoring compliance and specify review requirements for non-compliance.

To ensure compliance with these requirements, we are issuing **CUNY's Procedures for Complying with 2011 Public Health Service (PHS) Regulations**. These procedures will be effective August 24, 2012. To streamline the compliance process, we are also issuing standardized Financial Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms that must be completed by all CUNY investigators applying for PHS funding. In addition, portions of the CUNY's Conflict of Interest Policy are being revised to reflect many of these new requirements.

Since the revised regulations also apply to collaborators and consultants, please share this information with all investigators who share responsibility for the design, conduct or reporting of PHS funded research.

On behalf of the University, thank you in advance for taking the time to understand and comply with these obligations. Farida Lada, University Director for Research Compliance, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have in this regard.

cc: Chief Academic Officers