



Closeout of Sponsored Awards

1. Summary

Oregon State University (OSU) is responsible for ensuring timely and compliant closeout of sponsored awards, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the sponsor award, as well as federal and state regulation.

The scope of this policy is University wide. Principal Investigators (PIs) and all OSU personnel associated with sponsored award management need to understand the requirements of sponsored project closeout.

2. General Requirements

As a recipient of sponsored award funding, OSU must complete the closeout requirements stipulated in the terms and conditions of an award, in addition to complying with federal, state and University policy. The closeout process must ensure timely and accurate procedures and documentation, and that final charges on an award are accurate, allowable, and properly allocated.

3. Definitions

- 3.1. Award End Date** – The project period end date as specified in the terms and conditions of the award.
- 3.2. Budget Period** – The interval of time, often 12 months, into which the project period is divided for budgetary and funding purposes.
- 3.3. Closeout** – The act of completing all internal procedures and sponsor requirements to terminate or complete a sponsored project. Specifically, closing out a sponsored project that has terminated includes completion of the technical aims of the project, submission of project deliverables, filing of non-financial reports, submission of final financial reports and invoices, final payment requests, and meeting any other terms and conditions of the sponsored agreement.
- 3.4. Cost Overrun** – Costs incurred for a sponsored project that are greater than the funding amount authorized by the sponsor.
- 3.5. Cost Sharing** – Any project costs that are not reimbursed by the sponsor. Cost sharing of effort is the personnel time and related fringe benefits that were committed and

provided in support of the project but are paid for by other funding sources. Cost share may be contributed by OSU or a third-party but all must meet the same documentation standards and allowability as the award in order to be reported as cost share.

- 3.6. Effort Reporting** – The mechanism used to verify an employee’s allocation of time in order to provide documentation and assurance to federal and other external sponsors that salaries charged or cost-shared to sponsored awards are reasonable in relation to the work performed. OSU utilizes quarterly Personnel Activity Reports (PARs) to certify project effort.
- 3.7. No Cost Extension** - An extension granted to allow a PI additional time on a sponsored project to complete original project aim/deliverables without additional funding.
- 3.8. PAR Form** – Personnel Activity Report (PAR) form which summarizes an individual’s total effort for the reporting period. OSU issues PAR forms quarterly for certification by a responsible person with suitable means of verification that the effort was expended in the proportions shown. The certifier is typically the principal investigator for the sponsored project on which the employee is working or the employee’s direct supervisor.
- 3.9. Project Period (Period of Performance)** - The total time period that is stated in the award document. The project period may consist of one or more budget periods.
- 3.10. Technical Report / Deliverable** - A technical description of the project results or other deliverable/product as required by the sponsor.

4. Responsibilities

Roles and responsibilities are outlined in the associated [Guidelines for Closeout of Sponsored Awards](#) on the OSRAA Policies webpage.

5. Process

Closeout is an integral part of and the final step in the life of the award. Although the official closeout process begins the day the project period ends, documentation and diligence in adhering to the sponsored award requirements during the life of the award play an important role in timely and successful closeout.

OSU will review each new sponsored award for closeout terms and conditions and follow the sponsor’s closeout requirements and deadlines. OSRAA will communicate these requirements to the PI and fiscal support staff at award establishment and prior to the closeout period.

Award closeout procedures primarily are focused on achieving the following goals in accordance with OSU’s documentation requirements and the terms and conditions of the sponsored award:

- Ensuring that all charges posted to the award reflect the allocable financial cost that supported completion of the project scope of work
- Closing the award with the sponsor and submitting all final technical and financial reports
- Closing the award in OSU's financial system so expenditures will no longer be charged to a sponsored award index

It is important that the PI, fiscal support staff and OSRAA work closely to ensure closeout deadlines are met. Risks of delinquent or improper closeout of a sponsored project include non-payment of final project costs by the sponsor and withholding of potential future awards to OSU.

Additional guidelines and procedures are found in the document titled [Guidelines for Closeout of Sponsored Awards](#) on the OSRAA website.

Related Information

- 5.1. [OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, § 200.344 Closeout](#)
- 5.2. [OSU Record Retention Policy 04-010 & General Records Retention Schedule](#)
- 5.3. [OSU Property Management \(PRO\) Manual, Sponsored Research and Federal Property](#)
- 5.4. [Grants and Contracts Closeout Checklist](#)
- 5.5. [Financial Reports and Closeout Webpage](#)
- 5.6. [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs)
- 5.7. [Training](#)
- 5.8. Website for this policy: <https://research.oregonstate.edu/osraa/osraa-policies>

6. History

- 6.1. Original Issue Date: September 1, 2018
- 6.2. Next Scheduled Review Date: January 1, 2027

7. Contacts

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