

FEDERAL DEMONSTRATION PARTNERSHIP (FDP) GUIDELINES AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

In 2000, the FDP, a cooperative initiative among 10 Federal agencies and 98 institutional recipients of research funds (including UC Berkeley), developed Standard Terms and Conditions as a model implementation of OMB Circular A-110. It was demonstrated that these terms were an effective set of requirements for many agency research awards. In 2005, following public and agency comment on the original FDP terms, final standard terms and conditions were developed. These Research Terms and Conditions (RTC) eliminated many prior approval requirements.

Federal Demonstration Partnership:

- Cooperative agreement between federal agencies and awardees
- Established to increase research productivity
- Minimizes the administrative burden on principal investigators
- Gives designated Universities more freedom to manage federal awards

For specific items that the Federal Demonstration Partnership covers, please see the FDP Matrix.

Frequently Asked Questions

If my NIH funding has been awarded without equipment budgeted, but now I need to purchase some. Can I do it without contacting NIH?

- Yes, FDP waives/eliminated the need for prior approval to purchase capital equipment not previously budgeted for.

I am in Year 2 of my project and I will have a large unobligated balance at the end of the project period. Do I need permission from the sponsor to use that money next project period?

- No, under FDP you do not need approval to carry forward unobligated balances to the next project period.

My fund is not expected to start until July 1st, but I need to start purchasing supplies and equipment to accomplish my deliverables in Year 1. Can I purchase supplies and equipment before the funding is awarded and set up?

- Yes, under FDP you are allowed 90 days of pre-spending without needing to ask the sponsor for permission.