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RAS Forum Series

Financial Management

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Financial Management Welcome and Agenda

March 4th Topics include:

- **Budgeting and Financial Management**
- **Fixed Price**
- **Residual Funds**
- **Allowable Costs**
- **Cost Sharing**

Zoom participants may access the Q&A feature in Zoom (not Chat) for questions and comments.

Materials referenced today will be posted on the RAS Site under Self Study Webinars including anything identified for the Parking Lot

Budgeting and Financial Management

Robert Tolu, Associate Director



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- [Proposal Budgeting](#)

Fixed Price

Laureen Horton, Associate Director

Mike Corcoran, Associate Director



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- [Fixed Price Agreements](#)
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Residual Funds

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- [Closing Out An Award](#)
- [Foundations and Unexpended Funds](#)
- [Fixed Price Agreements at Closeout](#)

Allowable Costs

Robert Tolu, Associate Director



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- [Cost Principles and Unallowable Expenses](#)
- [MIT Travel Related Guidance](#)
- [Federal Travel Regulations](#)

Cost Sharing

Robert Tolu, Associate Director



Links

- [Cost Sharing](#)

Future Forum Proposed Topics

Please note: The on-site room for the Spring forums will be in NANO 12 – 0168, located at the basement level.

April: Proposed Agenda – Non-Federal Engagements and Agreements

- *Topics include: Sponsor terms and conditions, problematic reporting requirements, negotiations, risk assessment, elevated review processes and relevant MIT resources outside of RAS for the following areas: Industry; Foundations; Consortia and International*

May: Proposed Agenda – Pre- and Post-award Compliance Issues

- *Topics include: Research Security, Foreign Collaborations; Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment; COI-OPA, and unique sponsor compliance requirements; alignment with MIT policies*

June: Proposed Agenda – Research Development; Complex Institutional Proposals and Awards

- *Topics include: Master agreements; multi DCLI, multi entity awards; Subawards and Third-party Agreements*

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