**Instrument Type**

Instrument type defines the type of award mechanism the university should reasonably expect based on the sponsor, scope of work and/or activity being performed.

**Grants:** Financial assistance mechanism to support the conduct of research or other activities as described in a general scope of work. Terms and conditions are generally acceptable to the University and require minimal or no negotiation. These are typically issued from federal agencies, non-profit, and foundations.

**Contracts:** Agreements to provide support for research or other activities in return for a set statement of work or deliverables. Terms and conditions usually require negotiation. Includes Government, Industry, State agencies, Intergovernmental agreements.

**Sub-Contracts (incoming):** Agreements under a prime CONTRACT award to another entity and will be passing funds and same terms and conditions to the University. Should include a separate budget and scope of work from the prime.

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**Cooperative Agreements:** Awards in which the funding agency remains involved in the research or project during its performance by the receiving agency. Terms and conditions are generally acceptable to the University and require minimal negotiation.

**IPA (Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement):** The Intergovernmental Personnel Act Mobility Program provides for the temporary assignment of personnel between the Federal Government and entities such as the University of Memphis. The purpose of an IPA is to allow a university employee to remain on payroll and benefits while providing service to a government agency.

**Non-Monetary:** Agreements related to research and sponsored projects that have no monetary amount being issued to the university. These include Material Transfer Agreements (MTA’s), Master Agreements, MOU’s, NDA/CDA’s (non-disclosure/confidentiality), etc.

**Dual Service:** When a UofM Employee is to provide services to a Tennessee State Agency or State Institution.