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Research Administration Lunch & Learn

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ePAWS Enhancements

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ePAWS Enhancements



Based on user feedback, several enhancements were added to ePaws, including:

- Users with role on proposal can upload additional "Other" attachments during routing
 - New attachments will have an indicator that they were attached after routing began
- PI Certification moved in the workflow to between Approver and Top Approver
 - Proposal Creator > Grant Officer > Approver > Investigator Certification > Top Approver > Grant Officer
- Advanced Searching for Dates and Status'
 - Single status, or Multiple Status'
 - Single date, or Date ranges for Deadline Date and Create Date
- New "Completed" tab all completed proposals will move to this tab
- Users can send notification to GO when the 'sponsor application is ready for GO review' in the sponsor system
- Deadline Date is now editable by anyone with a role in the proposal at any time during routing
- Deadline date is now added to all email notifications
- Added an indicator to the dashboard showing submitted to sponsor date





SF 424 Reminder

- The Grants.gov Legacy PDF Application Package has been retired as of December 31, 2017
- Applicants are no longer able to download the older, single PDF application "legacy" package from Grants.gov
- Applicants who downloaded a legacy Grants.gov PDF application package before the December 31st cut off will be able to use this package to submit until March 31, 2018
- Applicants can use Workspace, or the sponsor system (ASSIST, Fastlane, etc.) to complete proposal applications



Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)- Process

- Northeastern has developed and approved a <u>new policy</u> regarding use of UAS on University property, for any reason, including educational/research, recreational, or commercial purposes
- UAS Review Board (UASRB) has been commissioned, and is responsible to review, approve and monitor the use or proposed use of UAS's
 - FAA approval needed within 5 miles of an airport
- Any use of UAS at any Northeastern location must be reviewed/approved by the UASRB
- Manual application now online application coming!
- http://www.northeastern.edu/risk_services/unmanned-aircraft-systems-uas-northeastern/



I-Team: Feedback sessions

I-Team is gathering feedback from all research stakeholders

- Faculty Town Halls scheduled:
 - Tuesday, Jan 16th at 3:30pm, 101CH lecture hall
 - Monday, Jan 22nd at 10:00am, Raytheon Amphitheater
- College Research Administrators Live Survey scheduled:
 - Friday, Jan 19th at 3pm, Raytheon Amphitheater
- Central Administrators interviews to be scheduled...stay tuned!

NSF Updates

The new <u>PAPPG</u> will be effective for **proposals submitted**, or due, on or after January 29, 2018. Significant changes include:

- Implementation of the standard Collaborators and Other Affiliations (COA)
 template that has been in pilot phase since April
 - *NOTE* information requested in prior versions of the PAPPG is no longer requested
- **Project Description**: must contain "Intellectual Merit" section
- Budget Justification: increased page limit to five pages
- Senior Personnel Salaries & Wages Policy: definition of "year" tbd
- Indirect Costs: should be specified in justification
- Data Management Plan: additional guidance on content



NIH Updates

Reminder: **Eff. January 25, 2018**: R&R Forms E Instructions

R&R Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) Form

Updated biosketch instructions so that scholastic performance requires only scientific/professional graduate courses to be listed.

PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement Form

Removed Human Subjects Section, including:

"Clinical Trial" question and

"Agency Defined Phase III Clinical Trial" question

PHS 398 Research Plan Form

Removed Human Subjects Section, including the following attachments:

Protection of Human Subjects

Data Safety Monitoring Plan

Inclusion of Women and Minorities

Inclusion of Children



NIH Updates

 Includes the updated appendix policy that goes into effect for applications due on or after January 25, 2018. This policy eliminates clinical trial-related materials.

See the NIH Guide Notice on Allowable Appendix Materials for more information.

• PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information

Introduced <u>new form</u> for consolidated human subjects, inclusion enrollment report, and clinical trial information

Includes attachment to comply with NIH Policy on the Use of a Single Institutional Review Board for Multi-Site Research.

Added exemption numbers 7 and 8 to question 1.3; however, these exemptions will not be used at this time

• PHS Inclusion Enrollment Report

Discontinued use (data collection moved to new PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information form)



NIH Updates

Reminder: Clinical Trial Specific FOAs

For applications due on/after January 25, 2018, Be Careful to Pick the

Right Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

The Importance of Timely Grant Closeout: see Article