

Research Administration Brown Bag Series

November 14, 2023



**Northeastern
University**

Agenda

- NU-RES Admin Updates
- Data/Systems Updates
- NU-RES Finance Updates
- NU-RES Compliance Updates
- Upcoming Events

ChatGPT Generated Pledge to Research Administration

"I pledge allegiance to the responsible administration of research, and to the principles that guide our ethical stewardship.

In the halls of oversight and compliance, with transparency and diligence, I stand united with fellow administrators, fostering collaboration and integrity.

I commit to upholding the highest standards in research governance, navigating the complexities with fairness, objectivity, and accountability.

In service to those who contribute to our pursuit, I respect the rights of participants and protect the integrity of the process.

I dedicate myself to the seamless orchestration of projects, valuing diversity in teams and perspectives, and ensuring the responsible use of information.

In allegiance to the advancement of knowledge through effective administration, with honesty, precision, and unwavering dedication for the betterment of all."

NU-RES Admin Updates

- NIH announced a [simplified review framework](#) will be implemented for grant receipt deadlines of January 25, 2025 and beyond
 - Reviewers will consider all three factors in determining the overall impact score, which reflects their overall assessment of the likely impact of the proposed research.
 - Factor 1: Importance of the Research (Significance and Innovation), factor score 1-9
 - Factor 2: Rigor and Feasibility (Approach), factor score 1-9
 - Factor 3: Expertise and Resources (Investigator and Environment), either rated as sufficient for the proposed research or not (in which case reviewers must provide an explanation)
 - Details: <https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2023/10/19/announcing-a-simplified-review-framework-for-nih-research-project-grant-applications/>
 - *Please share with your faculty*

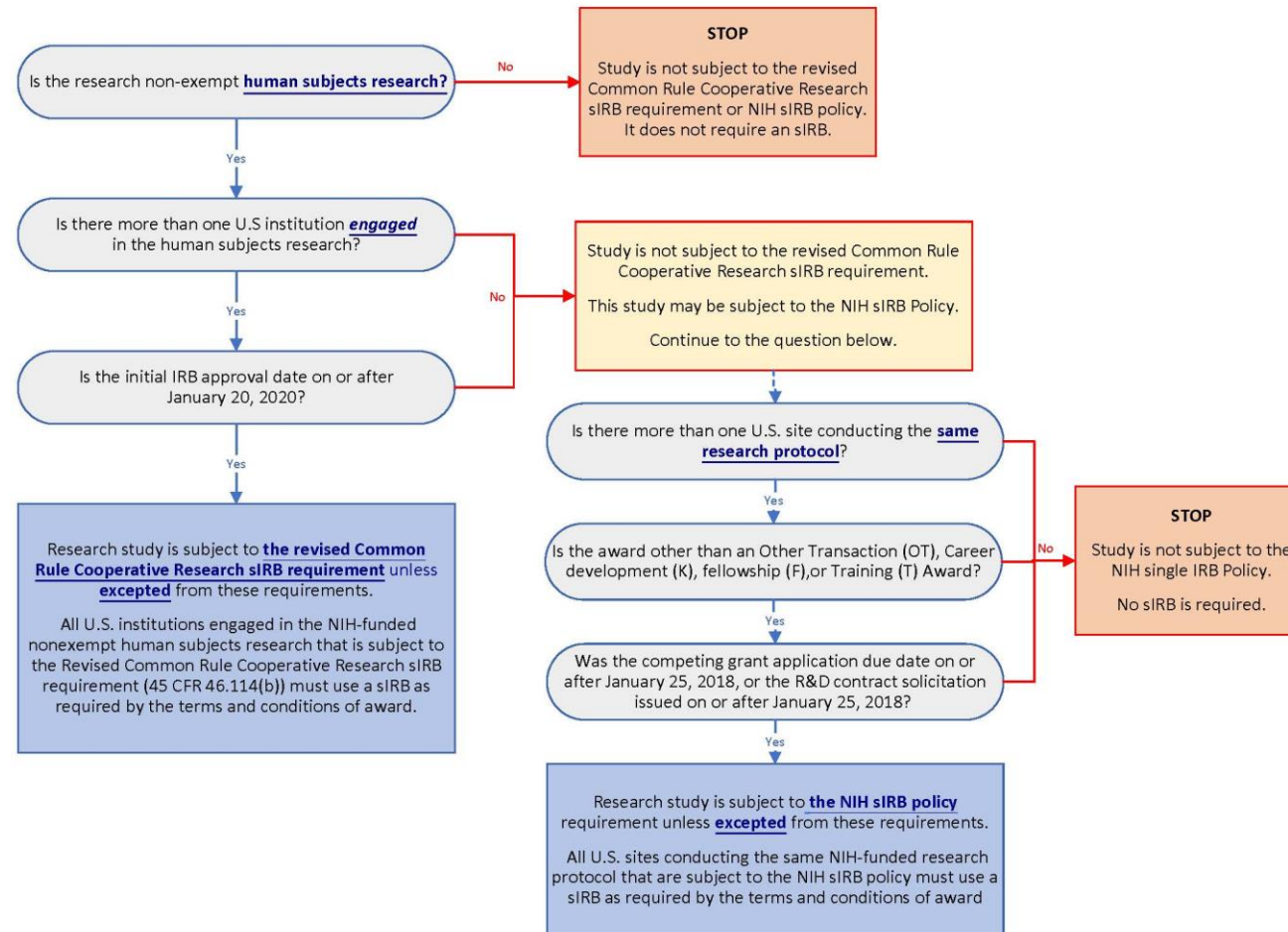
NU-RES Admin Updates

- NIH - Single IRB (sIRB) Determination:
 - NIH has implemented policies to streamline the review process for multi-site research studies involving human subjects. The use of a single IRB is intended to reduce administrative burden and enhance the efficiency of the review process.
 - Researchers conducting studies involving human subjects need to determine whether their project falls under the NIH sIRB Policy or the revised Common Rule Cooperative Research sIRB Mandate.
 - NIH has created the [Single IRB \(sIRB\) Requirement Determination Workflow](#) PDF to help researchers make this determination.
 - Additional information on the sIRB requirement and the revised Common Rule Cooperative Research sIRB Mandate can be found at: <https://grants.nih.gov/policy/humansubjects/single-irb-policy-multi-site-research.htm>

NU-RES Admin Updates

- NIH, continued:

Single IRB (sIRB) Requirement Determination Workflow



NU-RES Admin Updates

- Department of Justice (DOJ):
 - DOJ has updated the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#), which serves as the primary reference manual for Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) award recipients. Grantees should use the Guide as they fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities, safeguard grant funds, and ensure funds are used for the purposes for which they were awarded.
 - The [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#) is routinely updated to ensure award recipients have access to the most up-to-date information. The updates that occurred within FY23 Q2-Q4 are highlighted in the table to the right:

Chapter/Topic	Date Updated	Sub-Topic	Description/Comments
Chapter 3.13: Unallowable Costs	March 28, 2023	Prohibition of Award Funds To Pay for Travel of DOJ Employees	- Clarified policy with revised language
Foreword	June 15, 2023	Office Leadership Update	- Updated COPS Office Director - Updated OJP Assistant Attorney General
Foreword	July 18, 2023	Office Leadership Update	- Updated OVW Director
Chapter 3.11: Indirect Costs	July 18, 2023	Establishment of Indirect Cost Rates	- Updated indirect costs resource document links
Chapter 3.8: Procurement Under Awards of Federal Assistance	September 12, 2023	Procurement	- Updated "micro-purchase threshold" amount
Chapter 3.8: Procurement Under Awards of Federal Assistance	September 12, 2023	Noncompetitive Procurement	- For clarity, divided the first bullet point into two bullet points
Chapter 3.19: Audit Requirements	September 12, 2023	Audit Requirements	- Updated the administrator for Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) submissions from the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau to the General Services Administration (GSA). Also updated the website where submissions can be made: https://www.fac.gov

NU-RES Admin Updates

- Join the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the **Fall 2023 NSF Virtual Grants Conference!** This virtual conference will be broadcast live on Zoom during the week of **December 4 – 7, 2023.**
 - Registration is open! To register for this free event, visit the [conference website](#)

NU-RES Admin Updates

Contracts Tip: you can expedite a contract's review by identifying the previous or related agreements and records using eCLAWs functions.

Related Records

Is this contract performed under a Master Agreement?

Yes No

Has your College/Department previously contracted with the Other Party?

Yes No

Is this contract or agreement related to a research or sponsored project?

Yes No

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Data/Systems Updates

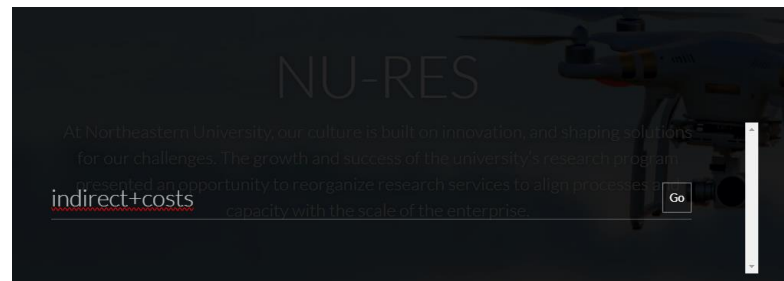
NU-RES, HSRP, and Animal Care websites moving to new Domain/Campus Press

- Research.northeastern.edu is transitioning to a marketing site maintained by External Affairs
- Sub sites must transition to separate domains
- Current Servers/software is 5 years out of date/unsupported
- Two step upgrade:
 1. "Lift and shift" current content from old unsupported server/software to new server/software; move to new domains
 - FROM: research.northeastern.edu/nu-res
 - TO: nu-res.research.northeastern.edu
 - Same for HSRP and AnimalCare
 - 11/6-11/17 - content quiet period (no updates)
 2. Content/design review – move to Campuspress
 - Working with group of community content reviewers; if you have a suggestion/want to participate, let Joan know
 - Move to Campuspress Flex template with updated content/design

Data/Systems Updates

Search function adjustments on the NU-RES webpage

- Reprioritized search results; when you search for keywords, search engine looks for the keywords and presents the results in the following order:
- Pages (1), Titles (2), Content (3), Posts (4). If there's a tie between two results, last updated is presented first
- When you search for a compound key word (for example, indirect costs) you must search using a + sign between keywords
 - Do NOT surround keywords in quotes
 - use indirect+costs
 - do not use "indirect costs"
- Please test and provide comments/feedback



A little DATA humor...just for laughs

- What's the difference between an introverted data analyst & an extroverted one?
 - The extrovert stares at YOUR shoes.
- The data science motto: If at first, you don't succeed; call it version 1.0
- A SQL query walks into a bar, walks up to two tables, and asks, "Can I join you?"
- Old data analysts never die – they just get broken down by age... (buh da bing!)

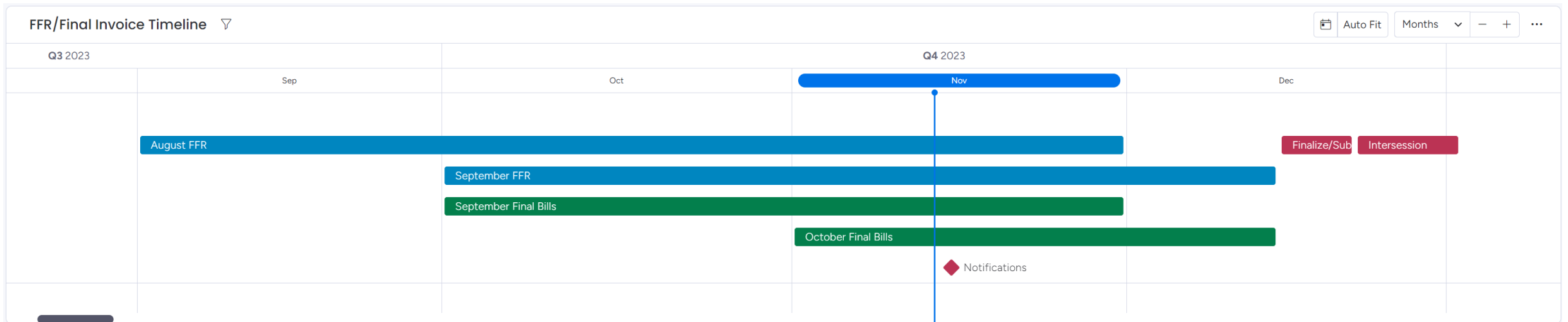
NU-RES Finance Update

Typical Reporting/Invoicing Timelines

- **FFR Timeline** – Budget/Project Period End + 90 days
- **Final Invoice Timeline** – Budget/Project Period End + 60 days

NOTE - Accelerated deadline for reports/invoices in December due to Holidays & Intersession

- **College RAs approve by December 15th**
- **RFAs/RAAs submit to sponsor by December 22nd**
- There may be exceptions due to specific sponsor requirements – e.g. November reports due in December
- Notifications for November & December due dates are being sent together in November



NU-RES Compliance Updates

- The Northeastern Research Allowability Advisory Panel has been reconstituted. The Panel members:
 - Morgan Fielding, Associate Director of Training and Learning, NU-RES Compliance
 - Heidi Copeland, Associate Director – Research Finance, NU-RES Finance
 - Christa Gonsalves, Associate Director – Sponsored Accounts, NU-RES Finance
 - Virginia Davis, Assistant Director, Center for Cognitive & Brain Health
 - Evgeniia Kagranova, Associate Director – Finance & Administration, Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things (WIOT)
 - Wajma Yusufzai, Senior Grant Administrator, CSSH
 - Tina Mazuzan, Senior Post-Award Administrator, NU-RES Hub
- Inquiries can be submitted [here](#)

NU-RES Compliance Updates

- June 2024 NU-RES Research Administration Conference
 - Tentative date: Wednesday and Thursday, June 12 and 13, In-Person
 - Qualtrics survey data is still valid
 - Will be reaching out to those who indicated they would like to help with planning to form a working group before Thanksgiving
 - First meeting for the working group will be before winter break

NU-RES Compliance Updates

- Recording from Attain Partners webinar "Extreme Makeover: Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200 Edition – Propose Revisions is" now available via the [YouTube link](#)
- *For future consideration: always register for webinars you want to attend even if you have a scheduling conflict as there may be a recording made available and sent to those who registered.*

Upcoming Events

- [Virtual Satellite Office Hours](#), Thursdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM EST
- [RCR Workshop Calendar and Registration](#)
- Virtual RCR Workshop – Research Data Management & Stewardship
 - Wednesday, November 15 from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST
 - Presenters: Jen Ferguson, Head – Library Research Data Services, Northeastern Library and Serena Caplins, Associate Bioinformatician, Research Computing
- November Learn More Session – Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) Guidance and Best Practices
 - Thursday, November 16 from 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM EST
 - Presenter: Lissette Gilster, Export Control Officer, NU-RES Compliance
- In-Person RCR Workshop – Research Misconduct, Conflict of Interest, and Grant Stewardship
 - Wednesday, November 29 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM EST
 - Presenters: Jeff Seo, Chief Research Compliance Officer and Amanda Humphrey, Chief Research Operations Officer, NU-RES Compliance
 - Location: Curry Student Center, Room #440
- NCURA Webinar - Remote Renaissance: Unleashing the Potential of Onboarding and Collaboration in the Virtual Age
 - Thursday, December 7 from 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM EST with Q&A from 3:35 PM – 4:30 PM EST
 - Extra Login Registration Link: <https://onlinelearning.ncura.edu/p/231207onboardingXL>

NU-RES and You!

Thank You!

See you in December!

