

Research Administration Brown in Bag Series

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NU-RES Admin Updates

NIH Update – Public Access Policy:

1. [NOT-OD-25-047: "2024 NIH Public Access Policy"](#)

The NIH is implementing a new Public Access Policy replacing the 2008 policy. This policy aims to increase access to publications resulting from NIH-funded research, providing benefits to the scientific community and the public.

The key change is that Author Accepted Manuscripts must now be submitted to PubMed Central upon acceptance for publication, for public availability without embargo upon the Official Date of Publication. This removes the previous 12-month embargo period. This means that under the previous 2008 NIH Public Access Policy, NIH-funded research could remain behind a paywall for up to 12 months before becoming freely available to the public. With the new policy, these manuscripts will become freely available immediately upon official publication, allowing patients, healthcare providers, researchers without institutional subscriptions, and the general public to have immediate free access to NIH-funded research findings.

This notice includes a comprehensive discussion of the proposed changes, public comments received on the draft policy, and the final policy language.

Key Definitions

The policy defines key terms as follows:

Author Accepted Manuscript: The authors final version that has been accepted for journal publication and includes all revisions resulting from the peer review process, including all associated tables, graphics, and supplemental material.

Final Published Article: The journal's authoritative copy, including journal or publisher copyediting and stylistic edits, and formatting changes, even prior to the compilation of a volume or issue or the assignment of associated metadata.

Journal: A periodical publication that is either 1) included in the journal section of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Catalog or 2) meets all of the following criteria:

- Requirements for ISSN assignment; Content is issued over time under a common title; Is a collection of articles by different authors; and Is intended to be published indefinitely.

Official Date of Publication: The date on which the Final Published Article is first made available in final, edited form, whether in print or electronic (i.e., online) format.

The policy applies to any Author Accepted Manuscript accepted for publication on or after July 1, 2025, that results from NIH funding through grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, Other Transactions, intramural research, or official work of NIH employees.

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NIH Update – Public Access Policy:

2. **NOT-OD-25-048: "Supplemental Guidance to the 2024 NIH Public Access Policy: Publication Costs"**

NIH reiterates that compliance with the Public Access Policy is free. Authors can submit manuscripts to PubMed Central at no cost. However, NIH recognizes that some peer-reviewed publishing routes may involve publication costs, including article processing charges (APCs). Review the notice for details on allowable and unallowable publication costs.

3. **NOT-OD-25-049: "Supplemental Guidance to the 2024 NIH Public Access Policy: Government Use License and Rights"**

Upon accepting NIH funding, recipients grant NIH the right to make Author Accepted Manuscripts publicly available in PubMed Central upon the Official Date of Publication. Authors submitting manuscripts to PubMed Central must agree to a submission statement that grants NIH "a royalty-free, nonexclusive, and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, or otherwise use this work for Federal purposes."

NIH encourages authors to be transparent during the journal submission process by indicating that the manuscript is subject to the NIH Public Access Policy. Sample language is provided that can be included in submitted manuscripts.

4. **NOT-OD-25-101: "Revision: Notice of Updated Effective Date for the 2024 NIH Public Access Policy"**

The original notice (NOT-OD-25-047) proposed an effective date of December 31, 2025, for the new policy. However, NOT-OD-25-101 updates this timeline, and the 2024 NIH Public Access Policy will now become effective on July 1, 2025, replacing the 2008 Public Access Policy. The policy applies to Author Accepted Manuscripts with acceptance dates on or after July 1, 2025.

If there are questions about the policy, please contact [Jen Ferguson](#) or your library [subject specialist](#).

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NIH Update – No Cost Extensions

NOT-OD-25-110: Updated NIH Processes for No-Cost Extensions

Process Change

- **Previous Process:** Most grants were allowed a 1st automatic No-Cost Extension (NCE) via the Extension link in the Status module of eRA Commons
- **New Process:** All NCEs requests now require submission via the Prior Approval module
 - Currently the system will not allow the NCE's to be submitted until after the PPE date has passed.

Prior Approval Request No Cost Extension - Modify Request ?

* Required Fields

Application Information		
PD/PI Name Mill, Evan	Grants Management Specialist Walker, Pam eRAtest@mail.nih.gov 301-555-4207	Program Official Leeds, Miriam eRAtest@mail.nih.gov 301-555-1917
PD/PI User ID EWMILL	Grant #: SR01NS098000-05	Application Title Interrogating Neuronal Dynamics
Institution UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	Budget Period 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	Project Period 01/01/2017 - 12/31/2021

Request Details		
Request ID: 22001		
Number of Months * Select One	Proposed Budget Period End Date	Proposed Project Period End Date
Amount of Unobligated Balance *	Does PI Maintain Measurable Effort? * Select One	Vertebrate Animals - IACUC Approval Date: * mm/dd/yyyy

Progress Report *

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Budget Document *

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Justification Document *

Drop file or browse to attach 1 PDF file, not exceeding 6MB.

Request History

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NSF Update – Indirect Rate

Policy Notice: Implementation of Standard 15% Indirect Cost Rate

- Adoption of Standard 15% Indirect Cost Rate for NSF Grants and Cooperative Agreements awarded to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)



Data/Systems Updates

EPAWs 2.0!

**Here comes
July 1st!**

Workday Finance!

Workday HR with
new Finance FDM!



Data Warehouse
Snowflake Schema for
Research Data!

Intellibuy for
Purchasing
equipment and
supplies

***What else can we
pile on July 1?***

Data/Systems Updates

- Coming soon....ePAWs 2.0!
 - EPAWs Proposal, Transactions, and Award
 - Look/feel of eCLAWs, but with familiar ePAWs functions
 - ***NEW*** electronic transaction requests...no more T-forms emailed...request your award acceptance/JIT/etc. right in the system!
 - Transactions are fully configurable by System Admin
 - Day 2 of the NU-RES Conference June 18 will feature a demo of all 3, with a challenge to "break the app..." We look forward to your feedback....
- **BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR:**
 - Email re: to review your DIVs current roles for updates (e.g. proposal creator, approvers, etc.)
 - Learn More session on ePAWs 2.0 Overview in early June

I'd like to...

ePAWs

- Create a Budget >
- Route a Proposal >
- View an ePAWs Record >

I'd like to...

- Pre-Award Management —
- Just-In-Time >
- Miscellaneous >
- AIR >
- Award Acceptance** —
- Request Award Acceptance >

I'd like to...

- Post-Award Management** —
- Prior Approval >
- Closeout Reports - NU-RES Requested >
- Closeout Reports - College Initiated >
- Termination >
- No-Cost Extension >
- Miscellaneous >

NU-RES Finance Updates

Key Dates for FY25 Close and Transition to Workday Finance

From: TTAG Finance Transformation Program <TTAG@northeastern.edu>
 Sent: Friday, April 25, 2025 10:13 AM
 Subject: FY25 Year-End Closing Memo

Dear University Colleagues,

This year, there are changes in the closing schedule and process due to our transition from Banner Finance to Workday Finance. While our FY25 close process and entries will occur within Banner Finance, we will convert the data to Workday Finance.

To allow adequate time to prepare for efficient and timely audits and to prepare the University's financial statements in consideration of the move to Workday Finance, the following processing deadlines have been established. This will ensure that our books are in order for the transition to Workday Finance and the FY25 close.

Please share this memo with your team members as needed. Note that additional information will be provided in the coming weeks regarding the transition, cutover, JVs, and expenses.

If you have any questions regarding the transition and /or cutover to Workday Finance, please contact Dave Conlon.

We thank you in advance for your support and adherence to all these deadlines. It is a pleasure to work with all of you!

Sincerely,
 John Lent
 Associate Vice President and University Controller



FY25 Year-End
 Closing Memo.pdf

Key Dates	Description
Thursday, May 15, 2025	Last day for RF to enter new Grant set-ups and modifications on existing awards.
Friday, May 16, 2025 - Monday, June 30, 2025	Research Finance will only process set-ups and mod in Banner for urgent matter requests.
Friday, May 30, 2025	Last day to submit a requisition/PO/Co in Banner or K2, to submit an order through MyMarketplace, and the last day to request a Supplier Contract.
Monday, June 2, 2025	Last day to submit a costing allocation or PDC (Payroll Distribution Change).
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	For FY25, PDCs are to be fully approved to flow to Payroll by this date.
Wednesday, June 11, 2025	Last day to enter PO Invoices into Banner and enter Direct Pay Invoices into K2/Banner.
Wednesday, June 11, 2025	SABO and Guest Reimbursements: must be approved by all parties and sent to Payment Operations.
Thursday, June 19, 2025**	Concur reports must be approved up to this date. **RF team has been asked to clear queues by 6/13.
Wednesday, June 25, 2025	Last day to enter journal vouchers in K2 and journal uploads for June First Close must be submitted.

Please allow RF enough time (~ 5BD) to review transactions leading up to these deadlines.

NU-RES Finance Updates - Continued

Termination Notices

- RFAs and RAAs will be reaching out to PIs & Department Administrators to initiate final reconciliations on terminated awards.
- Final FFRs, Invoices, and LOC draws may require an expedited reconciliation of final costs. If you are allocating retroactive costs (e.g., Cost Transfers, PDCs, Concur, etc.), please ensure you provide appropriate backup documentation. All costs must be properly justified and supported.

PDC Reminders...

- PDC justifications should describe the work performed and speak to any delays in processing the changes. Be sure to document a brief justification for the work performed in the PDC comments.
- Justifications for delays are required for all PDCs older than 90 days.
- PDCs that impact a closed payroll certification report may not be approved.

NU-RES Finance-WD

- Procurement request for subrecipient POs and Intellibuy registrations will be completed by Subaward team
- AskFin Assist:
 - <https://northeastern.sharepoint.com/sites/ttagfinanceprogram>
- PI Dashboard and Reports-**in development**
 - Budget to Actuals tab- report with drill through features of their whole portfolio
 - Subrecipient Report tab- Listing of all their POs, ITD and remaining balances, separate widget for sub invoices waiting for PI Approval
 - Additional Reports tab- All processes awaiting me (inbox items), and other reports
 - Additional Resources- Knowledge Base, link to workflows, TBD

NU-RES Compliance Updates

- As we approach summer - review the [Policy on External International Engagements](#). Key points:
 - Recognizes the potential for COI or COC, and national security and compliance concerns related to certain int'l engagements
 - Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs (FTRP) vs. Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs (MFTRP)
 - Requirement for all primary faculty to seek prior approval before beginning any external int'l engagement
 - To obtain approval, the faculty member must submit a copy of any contract or agreement defining the parameters of the international engagement and complete the [International Engagement Intake form](#)

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Foreign Travel Requirements:

- Register travel with the [Travel Registry](#) - if you book through Concur, the trip is automatically registered
- Travel to high-risk countries may require a research security review, export control review, and/or a travel briefing (i.e., loaner devices, cybersecurity, best travel practices)
- Supervisor approval is required for travel to high-risk countries
- Review related travel policies:
 - [Policy on Travel and Expense Reimbursement](#)
 - [Policy Requiring Registration of University Travel](#)
 - [Policy on Travel to High-Risk and Sanctioned Destinations](#)
 - [Policy on Computers and Mobile Devices for Travel to Destinations with Heightened Cybersecurity Risk](#)

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- **Requirements are now mandatory as of May 1, 2025**
- Research security training requirements mandated by the [Department of Energy \(DOE\) Financial Assistance Letter \(FAL 2025-02\)](#) and the new requirements outlined in the [Department of Energy's \(DOE\) Financial Assistance Letter \(FAL 2024-05\)](#) regarding Digital Persistent Identifiers (DPIs) or Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) for all R&D financial assistance awards.
- Page 3, Section C: Implementation
 - DOE's Financial Assistance Certifications and Assurances with Use SF 424 will require Grant Officers to certify that:
 - "The applicant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that each covered individual who is employed by the applicant and listed on the application has **completed a research security training program** consistent with Section 10634 of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022."

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- These requirements are now mandatory as of **May 1, 2025** for all individuals involved in DOE-funded research projects or submitting applications to the DOE.
- All PIs who have active DOE prime awards, subawards, or have submitted proposals to DOE have been assigned the training in Workday Learning.
 - **Link: [NU-RES Research Security Course 1: Foundations of Research Security](#)**
 - We may not have reached everyone! Please ensure any Co-PIs, Program/Project Managers, Senior/Key Personnel, and those with similar roles or significantly contribute to DOE funded research are assigned and complete the training.
- A follow-up communication was sent to all assignees who have not completed the training and their respective grant administrators on Friday, May 2 to complete the training as soon as possible.

NU-RES Virtual Summer 2025 Mini-Conference Schedule

Start Time		End Time		Day One: Community, Careers, and Compliance	
Tuesday, June 17, 2025	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Community Forum with Robin Cyr		
	1:00 PM	1:10 PM	10 Minute BREAK		
	1:10 PM	2:00 PM	Pathways to Success: Supporting Employee Development	Career Ladder or Career Lattice?	
	2:00 PM	2:10 PM	10 Minute BREAK		
	2:10 PM	2:55 PM	Securing Research at Every Stage: Integrating Compliance into the Research Lifecycle		
	2:55 PM	3:00 PM	5 Minute BREAK		
	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	Lets Talk Data Reporting		

			Day Two: Systems in Action – Tools, Training, and Transformation	
Wednesday, June 18, 2025	11:00 AM	11:40 AM	ePAWS Learning Series: Proposals	
	11:40 AM	11:50 AM	10 Minute BREAK	
	11:50 AM	12:30 PM	ePAWS Learning Series: Transactions	
	12:30 PM	12:40 PM	10 Minute BREAK	
	12:40 PM	1:20 PM	ePAWS Learning Series: Awards	
	1:20 PM	2:00 PM	40 Minute Lunch Break	
	2:00 PM	2:40 PM	Workday Finance Learning Series: How to Access and Navigate the Award Screen	
	2:40 PM	2:50 PM	10 Minute BREAK	
	2:50 PM	3:30 PM	Workday Finance Learning Series: How to Use Dashboards and View Reports	
	3:30 PM	3:40 PM	10 Minute BREAK	
	3:40 PM	4:20 PM	Workday Finance Learning Series: Payroll Costing Allocations & Payroll Accounting Adjustments	
	4:20 PM	4:25 PM	5 Minute BREAK	
4:25 PM	5:00 PM	Conference Jeopardy!		

Additional information including session details and a Qualtrics form will be posted to the NU-RES website and circulated in the next week

Upcoming Events

- NCURA Live Webinar:
 - Title: "Accelerating Research Contracting with AI and Automation: Tools, Ethics, and Real-World Lessons"
 - Time: June 10, 2025; 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM EST
 - Extra Login Registration Link:
<https://onlinelearning.ncura.edu/p/250610ResearchContractingXL>
- Learning Objectives:
 - Recognize how AI and automation can streamline the research contracting lifecycle, from intake through negotiation to compliance tracking.
 - Evaluate ethical and operational considerations when integrating AI into contract workflows, including data privacy, transparency, and oversight.
 - Identify key use cases and tools for contract intelligence, such as reusing prior agreements, “chatting” with contracts, and tracking negotiation outcomes.
 - Understand the skills required to collaborate effectively with AI, including prompt design and human oversight.
 - Apply lessons from real-world AI implementations at leading institutions to accelerate digital transformation within their own organizations.

Upcoming Events

- Check out the [NU-RES Events Calendar](#)
- Department of Human Research [Events Calendar](#)
- [Virtual Satellite Office Hours](#), Thursdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM EST

NU-RES and You!

Thank You and have
a great summer!

See you in
September!

