CLEAR Webinar
February 9, 2021

Hosted by Sponsored Research
Today’s Agenda

• Sponsored Research Rebranding and Team Updates

• Announcements
  – Staffing
  – InfoEd & Training Updates
  – NIH Due Date Reminders

• Research.gov
Sponsored Research
Rebranding & Team Updates
Sponsored Research Rebranding

• Northwestern | RESEARCH branding rolled out in 2018
• “Office of” has been lingering on Sponsored Research
• Updating for consistency with RESEARCH branding guidance and to coincide with updates to our internal unit names
• Sponsored Research
  • AKA Northwestern Sponsored Research the Sponsored Research office (little o)
  • Acronym: SR
Existing Unit Names

• Confusion about what each team does
New Unit Names

• New unit names to clarify functions of each team
Announcements
Sponsored Research Staffing

• **Award Management**
  – On Feb. 15th welcome two new Grants Assistants: Deanna Fuller and Vanessa Santamaria

• **Contracts & Negotiations**
  – Senior Associate Director (re-posting soon)
  – Assistant Director (active recruitment)
  – Contracts & Negotiations Manager (posting soon)

• **Proposals & Award Acceptance**
  – Assistant Director (active recruitment)

• **Subcontract Management**
  – Assistant Grants Officer (active recruitment)
InfoEd Updates: Coming Soon

• Updated Non-funded Negotiation Forms (CDA, DUA, MTA): Monday, February 22
• Subcontracts module
  – User acceptance testing in progress
  – Expected launch March 2021
  – Training presentation: TBD Date/Time
• Single IRB Questions
  – Update on proposal routing form questions
  – Data collection will facilitate workflow between Sponsored Research and IRB for the pre-consultation process
Training Updates

• CITI: Essentials of Research Administration
  – Freely available to Northwestern community via the Northwestern Institutional Login
  – Associate Northwestern SSO account (NetID) with an existing or new CITI Program account
  – Five (5) required modules: Elements of research administration, research development, pre-award, award negotiation & acceptance, and post-award
  – Four (4) supplemental modules on Clinical Trial Agreements (CTA)

• “No Tears NRSA” training materials updates
  – Individual NRSA (F Series) Fellowship resources
  – Expected early March in advance of April 8th deadline
## Upcoming Cycle I NIH Due Dates

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| March 5 (Friday) | • R01 Research Grants  
                 |   • U01 Research Grants - Cooperative Agreements  
                 |   renewal, resubmission, revision |
| March 12 (Friday) | • K Series Research Career Development  
                       | renewal, resubmission, revision |
| March 16        | • Other Research Grants and Cooperative Agreements  
                       | (R03, R21, R33, R21/R33, R34, R36, U34, UH2, UH3, UH2/UH3) renewal, resubmission, revision |
| April 8         | • F Series Fellowships *Individual* NRSAs  
                       | (including F31 Diversity) new, renewal, resubmission |
| April 12 (Monday) | • R13, U13 Conference Grants & Cooperative Agreements  
                       | All - new, renewal, resubmission, revision |
Katie Curth
Manager, Research Administration, WCAS

Cathy Neuses
Associate Grants Officer, Sponsored Research
Why Research.gov?

• NSF Important Notice No. 147
  9/22/2020
• Fastlane: Aging, expensive system to maintain
• NSF partnered with research community
• Research.gov rollout
• Staggered migration research functions
• Funding Opportunities
• Final Target Completion: Sometime 2022
• Proposal Setup Wizard
• Searches, access to administrative staff
• Enhanced Compliance checks
• PDF uploads: Faster upload time, and documents are not altered
• Avoidance of Return without Review due to some format issues

• Links to PAPPG, videos
• Better management of personnel & subawardees
• Improved performance
• Less system downtime
• Proposal file update
Research.gov Demo Site Now Available!

Explore initiating and developing Research.gov proposals before you prepare them in the actual Research.gov Proposal Submission System.

Prepare & Submit Proposals
- Prepare, submit and check status of proposals
- FASTLANE PROPOSAL FUNCTIONS
  - Additional proposal functions

Proposal/Panel Review
- Review proposals, participate in panels
- FASTLANE PANEL REVIEW
  - Panelist Functions

Awards & Reporting
- Submit project reports, notifications & requests
- FASTLANE AWARD FUNCTIONS
  - Additional award functions

Fellowships & Honorary Awards
- Nominate colleagues, apply for awards
- Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP)
- Postdoctoral Fellowships and Other Programs
- Honorary Awards

Manage Financials
- View balances and submit cash requests
  - Submit or manage payment transactions
  - More about ACMS
  - Program Income Reporting

Administration
- Manage your account and user roles
  - User Management
  - FASTLANE ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT
    - Research Administration

NSF Award Highlights
- Explore Scholarly publications in the NSF Public Access Repository (NSF-PAR)
- Search awards going back to 1994
Validation same as real proposal
Old demo data deleted after 6 months
Not transferable to research.gov
NSF User Sign In

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Primary Email Address or NSF ID

Password

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Proposal Preparation

Only users with a Principal Investigator (PI) role can prepare new proposals. If the PI role is needed, it can be requested from the Add a New Role page.

What would you like to work on?

- Prepare New Proposal
  - By answering a few questions, NSF will customize the process and compliance rules.
  - Prepare Proposal
  - What information will need to be provided?
    - Video: How to Initiate a Proposal

- In Progress Proposals
  - Continue working on a previously prepared proposal, that has not yet been submitted to NSF.
  - Work on an In Progress Proposal

- Submitted Proposals
  - View, download, or perform a Proposal File Update/Budget Revision on proposals that have previously been submitted to NSF.
  - View/Update Submitted Proposals
## PI Profile: Adding Personnel

### Proposal Actions
- Share Proposal with SPO/AOR
- Manage Personnel and Subaward Organizations
- Print Proposal
- Delete Proposal

### Proposal Details
- Proposal Status: Not Shared with SPO/AOR

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**Temporary Proposal ID:** 31073  
**Proposal Title:** Collaborative Research: Stars  
**Date/Time Person Added:** 02/05/2021 12:33 PM EST

This proposal can be accessed from your listing of in progress proposals within Research.gov.

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For additional assistance, please contact the NSF Help Desk at **1-800-381-1532** or **Rgov@nsf.gov**.  
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**Proposal Actions**
- Initiate Proposal Submission
- Manage Personnel and Subaward Organizations
- Print Proposal
- Return to PI

**Proposal Details**
- Proposal Status: View/Edit Access for SFO/AOR

**Helpful Links**
- View submitted proposals
- Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) [ ]
- Proposal Preparation and Submission FAQs
- Video: How to Upload a Collaborator and Other Affiliations Document!
- Video: How to Submit a Proposal

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Effort Limitations

• System limits to person months

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• Ensure your budget justification provides proper detail, e.g., summer or academic months, when being requested.
Effort in Assembled Proposal

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Proposal Routing Form

• Admin Review
  – Proposal submitted via Research.gov or Fastlane.
  – Collaborative proposal, non-lead or lead-submission Tips
**Final Review & Email confirmation**

**Subject:** Proposal 2119473 was successfully submitted

Proposal 2119473 has been successfully submitted.

**Proposal Title:** Collaborative Research:  
**Principal Investigator:** [Redacted]  
**Organization Name:** Northwestern University  
**Submitted By:** Catherine M Neuses  
**Submission Date/Time:** 01/25/2021 3:54 PM EST

All other proposals in this collaborative effort have also been successfully submitted.

**Submitted Proposals**  
2119474 - San Diego State University Foundation  
2119475 - University of California-San Diego

Each Organization can access its proposal from the listing of submitted proposals within Research.gov.
Final Review & Email confirmation

Subject: Proposal 27968 submitted

Proposal 27968 has been successfully submitted, but will be held in a queue until all other proposals in the collaboration have also submitted.

Proposal Title: Collaborative Research: DMREF: 
Principal Investigator: [Redacted]
Organization Name: Northwestern University
Submitted By: Catherine M Neuses
Submission Date/Time: 01/22/2021 4:04 PM EST

The status of the other proposals in the collaboration is below:

Submission Pending
27846 - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
27854 - United States Naval Academy
27911 - Duke University

In Progress Proposals
27383 - University of Vermont & State Agricultural College

Once submitted, each organization can access its proposal from the listing of submitted proposals within Research.gov.
Proposal File Update/Budget Revision Process
## Proposal Actions

- Prepare Proposal File Update/Budget Revision
  - Manage Personnel and Subaward Organizations
  - Print Proposal

### Associated Action
Proposal File Update/Budget Revision

### Last Updated
02/08/2021

### Action Status
PFU/Budget Revision: Not Forwarded to SPO/AOR

### Proposal Actions

- Share Proposal with SPO/AOR
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- Delete PFU/Budget Revision

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**Associated Action**
Proposal File Update/Budget Revision

**Last Updated**
12/09/2020

**Action Status**
PO Decision Pending
Inquiry:
We have an NSF proposal in research.gov ready to submit. We are having issues with the printout of the proposal. In particular, the Current and Pending pdfs seem to move random information from one document to another. We have double checked the C&P's we have uploaded, and they are all compliant with the NSF format, all are from the 5/1/2020 NSF pdf Fillable form.
Please let us know if there is a known issue and we are okay to submit or if we need to do something else.

Response from NSF/Research.gov Helpdesk:
Thanks for contacting the Fastlane/Research.gov Helpdesk. This is a new known issue that our team is working to correct in a future system release. What you need to do is to ignore this error for now, and submit the proposal as you would normally. Then after the proposal is submitted: you will need to do a proposal file update, and re-upload the files for this section to correct this error to have them appear properly. This is the official workaround until the issue is formally corrected.
Additional Resources

- About Research.gov Services
- Implementation Update
- Research.gov FAQs

- Fall 2020 ERA Forum Webinar Recording at: YouTube Link

- NURAP@ Noon, Feb. 2, 2021: Navigating SciENcv and the new NSF requirements; recording available: NURAP Event Resources
Questions?
Join us for the next CLEAR webinar:

Tuesday, April 13, 10:00am