

## Good afternoon Research Administrators,

6 weeks! But who's counting? We are! Congratulations to our faculty who have begun receiving COVID-19 related awards. To-date, Northeastern researchers have received 6 COVID-19 awards totaling nearly \$1 million in new award obligations. Our investigators couldn't do it without you. Nor could NU-RES, we're all very [thankful](#) for you and appreciate all you do to support research.

The establishment of an administratively initiated request (AIR) Banner account allows research to commence immediately but often full award acceptance lags because of the need to certify, verify and track regulatory requirements. Delays in full award acceptance typically involve one or more of the following issues:

1. **Award obligation detailed budgets** that reflect:
  - a. Current, verified **institutional base salaries (IBS)**
  - b. **Measurable effort/level of commitment** allocated to the respective academic year (AY) and summer (OAY) **person months**.
2. Research regulatory **congruence verifications** for animals (IACUC), human subjects, biosafety (IBC), export controls, as applicable.
3. **Conflicts of Interest Disclosures** and fCOI training, as applicable.

Many of you have asked how you can help facilitate full award acceptance. As you work with your investigators please be sure that detailed award budgets and compliance approvals are in order. We know that the verification and tracking of IBS, measurable effort and the allocation between the Academic Year and Summer (OAY) periods will typically require adjustments to your award obligation budgets, if you have any questions about preparing award obligation detailed budgets please contact your [NU-RES Grants Officer](#) for assistance.

## Funding Agency Updates:

It's been a quiet week for federal funding agencies, with no new significant COVID-19 related notices but ... we anticipate a heavy [May 1 deadline for NIH proposals](#). Please submit your proposals to NU-RES as early as possible. Gentle reminder: NU-RES' internal deadline for streamline routing (abstract, detailed budget and budget justification) is 3 business days prior to the agency's deadline. **The complete, final application is [due \(and processed through ePAWs\) by noon on the business day prior to the agency's deadline](#).**

Please contact your [NU-RES Grant Officer](#) with any questions and be sure to check the [NU-RES COVID-19 Funding Agencies Related Guidance](#) web page for additional information and notices regarding COVID-19 impacts on your grants and contracts.

## Stay Connected:

Great to see so many of you at this week's virtual mini-Learn More: Calculating Summer Salaries. We counted 48+ attendees. Special thanks to Fiorella and Fred.

**Save the Date:** NU-RES will be hosting our a Learn More session next week via Teams, hope you'll be able to join us.

Tuesday, April 28 @2:30 – 3:30 Learn More: [Research Compliance Monitoring](#)

Stay well, stay safe, stay home.

*Your NU-RES Team*