



Research Administration

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Integration of Research Management Services



Rapid growth in the University's research portfolio and increasingly complex federal regulations that govern grants and contracts make it imperative that University and College administrators work more

effectively with our faculty to manage research and sponsored programs.

In late June 2017, the Provost appointed the University's first integration team (I-Team). Led by the Senior Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education, Art Kramer, the Research Management I-Team has been charged with developing a strategic plan to strengthen the University's research infrastructure. Participation on the I-Team includes members of faculty, Research Administration, Research Finance, Office of the General Counsel and ITS with additional input from a variety of University divisions and units, including Decision Support, Finance, Advancement and Government Relations.

Consistent with the long-term goal of building a responsive, efficient and resilient research management infrastructure, the I-Team has recommended three strategic short-term initiatives, which have been approved by the University's Senior Leadership. Two of these initiatives involve critical software tools for managing proposals and awards: expanding ePAWS (electronic Proposal Award Workflow System) and acquiring Priority One™ BA. Phase I of ePAWS involves building a role-based application to replace the Coeus database and automate non-financial transactions requiring institutional review and approval. The production version of ePaws will be available at this time next year. Phase II will integrate compliance and Banner financial data. Priority One™ BA, selected by college administrators as their preferred budgeting and forecasting tool, will be fully implemented in the Spring of 2018.

In addition to these technology initiatives, central offices have made significant progress in restructuring existing positions to better serve the research community, and Research Compliance will be hiring a Director, Research Compliance, Training, Education & Outreach, who will be responsible for developing curricula and training programs as well managing outreach initiatives.

Upcoming Events

January 19

Research Administrators'
Poll/Survey
@ 3:00 pm Raytheon Amphitheater

January 22

I-Team RM Town Hall
@10:00 am Raytheon Amphitheater

February 15

RA Monthly Lunch & Learn
@12 pm: Current Student Center McLeod Suites

Research Administration & Research Finance: New Team Members

AMANDA HUMPHREY, Director,
Award Administration

ALEX TRAN, Director, Research
Finance

AMANDA RAMOS, Data Support
Specialist

NINA WILT, Senior
Negotiator/Industry Portfolio
Manager for Research & Sponsored
Program Agreements

Announcements



New NIH "Forms-E" Grant
Application Instructions Available
for Due Dates On or After January
25, 2018

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-119.html>

Statement on Article Publication
Resulting from NIH Funded
Research

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-011.html>

Enforcement of Closeout Policies

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-107.html>

NIH Operates Under a Continuing
Resolution

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-124.html>

RA Roundup

- [This column will change your life: a holiday shared is a break for us all.](#)
The Guardian, August 16, 2014
- [The best-kept secrets to winning grants.](#)
Nature, May 24, 2017
- [Do you know how others see you?](#)
The Wall Street Journal, August 28, 2017
- [University Research: Remaking the fortunes of the Fortune 500.](#)
Forbes, September 29, 2017
- [How machine learning is helping neuroscientists understand the brain.](#)
Massive, October 18, 2017
- [Is the age of the artistic recluse over?](#)
NYT Style Magazine, November 14, 2017
- [The key to a happy life? Gratitude that goes beyond Thanksgiving.](#)
LA Times, November 18, 2017
- [Bomb Cyclones and Polar Vortexes – This Winter’s Scary Weather Explained.](#)
National Geographic, January 3, 2018
- [Get ready for the 1st “super blue blood moon eclipse” in more than 150 years.](#)
Science, January 8, 2018

What we’re reading:

[Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life: Life-Changing Tools for Healthy Relationships](#)

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Funding Opportunity Spotlight



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Deadline: March 19, 2018

Hot Topic: Drones

The University announced a new [policy on Unmanned Aircraft Systems \(UAS\)](#) in September of 2017.

With apologies to Shakespeare, a UAS by any other name (drones, quadcopter, model aircraft, rockets, unmanned aerial vehicle, remote operated aircraft, high altitude balloons...) may fly as high but only if approved by the University’s UAS Review Board.

The proposed operation of an UAS for any university related activity or on University property requires review and approval by the UAS Review Board in advance of such flights. The UAS Review Board is chaired by a NU faculty member and representation on the Board includes research faculty as well as staff from multiple university divisions and offices, including NUPD.

UAS flights are governed by Federal Aviation Administration regulations. NU’s UAS Review Board reviews applications, assessing all requests in order to minimize the potential risk of harm (e.g., privacy, property damage, public safety). The Board also monitors compliance with applicable local, state and federal regulations.

To learn more about the UAS Review Board, the application process and additional resources available to the NU community, please visit NU’s UAS website at: http://www.northeastern.edu/risk_services/unmanned-aircraft-systems-uas-northeastern/