



Greetings from Dr. Robert Nobles, VPRA



Hello from the Office of Research Administration! Great things are happening in ORA and we are excited to share with you some of the initiatives, strategic actions, and plans for the 2024 fiscal year.

Please take a few minutes to watch this [special video message](#) from Dr. Robert Nobles. As always, thank you for your ongoing commitment to research excellence and partnership!

Featured Highlights



VPRA Memo: Strengthening Our Team Through Compliance with Effort Reporting Policy and Procedure

Date: September 18, 2023

To: Cost Studies Team, Research Administration Services Directors, RAS Staff, Research Grants and Contracts Staff, Emory Research Faculty and Staff, Chief Business Officers, and Department Administrators

From: Dr. Robert Nobles, VPR, ORA

Subject: Reinforcing Our Commitment to Policy 2.126 Effort Reporting and Team Excellence

This memo aims to engage each of us in a collective effort to ensure full compliance with our Effort Reporting Policy 2.126. Upholding this policy maintains our organization's integrity and reinforces our team's strength and unity.

First, let's acknowledge the hard work everyone has been putting into their roles. Our collective contributions have led to groundbreaking research and numerous successful projects. The success of each project is a testament to the strength of our team. Together, we can further enhance our operational excellence by ensuring 100% compliance with our Effort Reporting Policy. [Read More](#)

AI @ Emory: Research & Beyond – Applications, Impact, and Compliance Risks

Author: Deepika Bhatia, AVP, RCRA

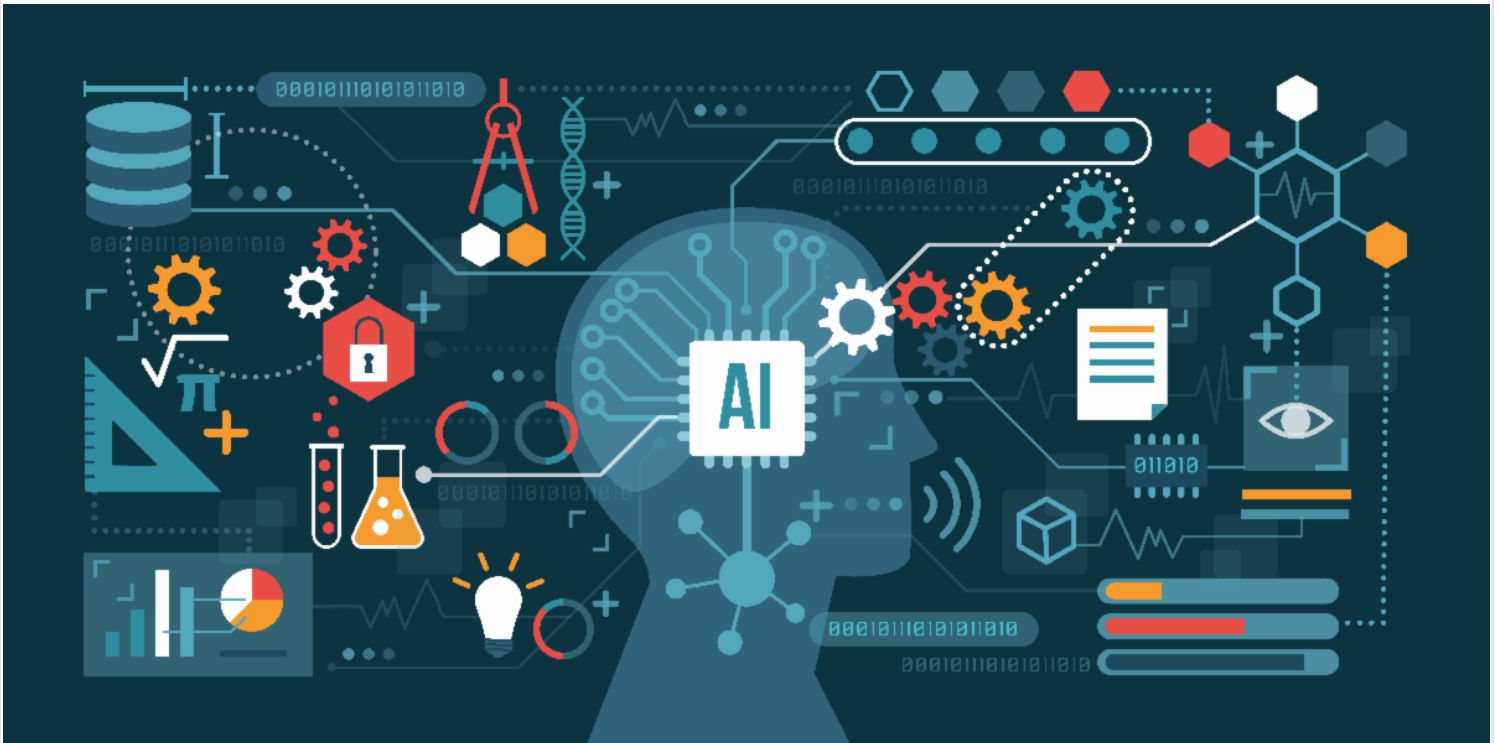


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Artificial intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human-like intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems. AI tools have created much flurry across the globe, and the Emory research enterprise is no exception! We are excited to embrace this new technology while ensuring the Emory community is aware of compliance risks and regulatory requirements in their use of AI.

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Office of Research Administration to Explore Operations with Cutting-edge Generative AI and ChatGPT-like Integration

Author: Lisa Wilson, Sr. Director, SOT



The Office of Research Administration is partnering with students from the Goizueta Business School on a groundbreaking project that will explore academic research administration. Leveraging the capabilities of Generative Artificial Intelligence (genAI) and advanced language models like ChatGPT, the project aims to create a proof-of-concept Large Language Model (LLM) and Chatbot specifically designed to empower research administrators, streamline the onboarding process for new staff, optimize operational workflows, and enhance support for principal investigators.

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FY23 RGC Post-Award Activity Highlights

Author: Edwin Bemmell, AVP, RGC



The Office of Research Grants and Contracts provides financial post award administration support for all sponsored projects at Emory University. During FY23, post award activities have been a priority for the Office of Research Administration and RGC. Our primary focus has been on award closeout processes and activities. Our goal is to streamline the processes and provide more transparency and consistency in award close out and ensure timely and accurate close out, reporting, and invoicing. [Read More](#)

Grants Management System SharePoint Site Updates

Author: Cindy Cha, Sr. Project Support Specialist, RBO

The screenshot shows a SharePoint site for 'EUV Grants-Mgt-Project'. The navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Grants Mgt Information', 'Vendor Presentations', and 'Vendor Supplemental Presentations'. The main content area features the Emory University Research Administration logo and a 'Grants Management System Demos' diagram. The diagram is titled 'GRANT MANAGEMENT' and shows a flow from 'Pre-Award' to 'Post-Award'. The Pre-Award stage includes 'Application management'. The Post-Award stage includes 'Financial tracking and reporting' and 'Operational delivery and reporting'. The flow is represented by a series of circles: VETTING, WRITING, ACCOUNTING, MONITORING, and REPORTING.

Emory University is making changes regarding **Grants Management System**. This site serves as a central hub for updates and communications. More information coming soon.

As you may know, efforts have been underway for over a year now to find a robust grant management system that will provide ease and insight for the pre and post aspects of the grant management process. We hope that you are just as excited as we are to find the best system for Emory. The project team is very excited to open the Sharepoint site to the Emory family! Please visit and share with your colleagues across campus. [Read More](#)

PI Financial Portal: Helpful Links

Author: Tricia Callahan, Associate Director, Research Training (SOT)

The screenshot shows the Emory University PI Financial Portal dashboard. The page header includes the Emory University logo and the title 'Emory University PI Financial Portal'. Below the header, there is a login status message: 'You are currently logged in as:'. A note below states: 'If you are missing projects below, either your department has not completed their roles assignments, or you have not been identified as having responsibility for managing any projects. Please contact your Department Administrator if you feel this is an error.' The main content area features a 'Please note: Data returned is as of 02/22/2023 04:24 AM' and four summary cards: 'Projects Ending in Next 90 Days' (1), 'Employees Paid by Projects Ending in Next 90 Days' (2), 'Active Projects with Direct Balance Available' (11), and 'Active Projects with Debit Balance' (8).

The PI Financial Portal is a dashboard that allows faculty to access sponsored and

non-sponsored account data. The dashboard is intended to provide an 'online bank account' view of a faculty member's current balances based on expenses that have already occurred. A few highlights of the PI Financial Portal include: [Read More](#)

Federal Agency Updates

NIH Application Instruction Updates

Source: National Institutes of Health (NIH)



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NIH Central Resource for Grants and Funding Information

Budgeting for Data Management and Sharing Plan Costs

On NIH proposals due October 5, 2023, and later, costs for Data Management and Sharing (DMS) plans will now be requested in the appropriate cost categories (personnel, supplies, etc.). Total DMS costs will be estimated, and that estimate will be included in the 'Budget Justification' attachment of the R&R Budget Form or the 'Additional Narrative Justification' attachment of the PHS 398 Modular Budget Form.

This is a departure from the previous guidance from NIH at the beginning of 2023 that instructed proposers to request costs for DMS plans as a single line item titled 'Data Management and Sharing Costs' on the appropriate Budget Form.

More information will be coming from NIH before the deadline. See [NOT-OD-23-161](#) for more information.

NIH Final Updated Policy Guidance for Subaward/Consortium Written Agreements

Author: Deepika Bhatia, AVP, RCRA

Source: National Institutes of Health (NIH)



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NIH Central Resource for Grants and Funding Information

The NIH earlier this year announced policy guidance that would require foreign subrecipients of NIH-funded grants to provide copies of lab notebooks, data, and documentation supporting research outcomes to the prime recipient. This guidance was [originally effective](#) Oct. 1, 2023.

Following community feedback (including a high level response from Emory University) expressing concerns, **NIH has issued a [final updated guidance](#). The key changes are as follows:**

- The **new effective date is January 1, 2024**. NIH expects recipients to update existing subaward agreements to address this requirement within 60 days of the effective date.

- NIH is modifying the requirement for the required documentation from every six months to “**no less than once per year**, in alignment with the timing requirements for Research Performance Progress Report submission.”
- NIH will change the language from requiring foreign subrecipients to “provide copies” of lab notebooks, data, and documentation to “**provide access to copies**” and notes that this access may be entirely electronic.

NSF System-Related Deadlines

Source: National Science Foundation (NSF)



National Science Foundation

Critical deadlines for September 29th FastLane proposal decommissioning and for October 20th NSF fillable PDF upload are approaching.

The following critical FastLane, Research.gov, and Grants.gov system-related deadlines for NSF proposals are approaching:

FastLane September 29th Deadlines

- **Friday, September 29, 2023 (5:00 PM submitter’s local time)** is the last day to submit proposal file updates and budget revisions in FastLane, withdraw FastLane submitted proposals, and withdraw supplemental funding requests submitted in FastLane. Please see the [FastLane System Decommissioning](#) page for additional information.
- **Friday, September 29, 2023 (11:00 PM Eastern Time)** is the last day to access FastLane submitted and in-progress letters of intent, proposals, and supplemental funding requests in FastLane.
 - FastLane submitted and in-progress letters of intent, proposals, and supplemental funding requests will not be transferred to Research.gov; however, the reviews and summaries for proposals submitted in FastLane will remain available in Research.gov.
 - Refer to the [Instructions to Access and Download/Print FastLane Letters of Intent, Proposals and Supplemental Funding Requests](#).
- **Friday, September 29, 2023 (11:00 PM Eastern Time)** is the last day to access the FastLane homepage using the www.fastlane.nsf.gov URL. Starting September 30, 2023, the following changes will be implemented:
 - The FastLane homepage URL (www.fastlane.nsf.gov) will redirect to the Research.gov homepage.
 - Access to FastLane Proposal Review and Panelist Functions will be from the Research.gov homepage using the links indicated by an "F" icon displayed to the left of each FastLane functionality link.
 - Links to decommissioned FastLane functionality (i.e., FastLane proposal file updates, budget revisions, and proposal downloads) will be removed from the Research.gov homepage.
 - FastLane homepage top navigation bar tabs will be removed.

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Environmental Health and Safety Office

[Information Technology Upgrade](#)

As part of the ORA Information Technology modernization initiative, the Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) continues to refine and consolidate data management systems to eliminate redundancy, decrease inaccuracies and better inform critical decisions. A significant step in this process is the expanded use of the Environmental Health and Safety Assistant (EHSA) database. [Read More](#)

Institutional Review Board

[IRB Newsletter \(August 2023\)](#)

The August 2023 Issue includes:

- Don't forget: The "Old eIRB" is Being Archived
- New and Upcoming Resources
- Important IRB Submission Reminders. [Read More](#)

[Recorded IRB Webinar: Single IRB Review Resources and Planning](#)

Catch up on the latest IRB webinar and past webinars [here](#).

Office of Research Administration

[Helpful Tools for Faculty: Where to Start?](#)

Contact Information for Researcher Proposals [Explore](#)

Office of Technology Transfer

[Bayh-Dole Coalition Honors Emory Professor Behind Groundbreaking HIV and Covid-19 Treatments](#)

Emory University Professor [Dennis Liotta](#) has been featured in the Bayh-Dole Coalition's new "[Faces of American Innovation](#)" report for developing chemical compounds used in life-saving medicines.

The [Bayh-Dole Coalition](#) is a diverse group of innovation-oriented organizations and individuals committed to celebrating and protecting the Bayh-Dole Act, as well as informing policymakers and the public of its many benefits. [Read More](#)

Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

[IACUC Newsletter \(August 2023\)](#)

The August 2023 Issue includes:

- IACUC Policies that have been updated recently
- Reminder of responsibilities to all investigators
- The exemption for using single-dose non-bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water will end September 6, 2023. [Read More](#)

[ORIC: Share Your Registration Information for Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs Research](#)

- The [Office of Research Integrity and Compliance \(ORIC\)](#) is compiling a list of all Emory DEA and Georgia Board of Pharmacy (GBP). [Read More](#)

[RCRA Events and Newsletter Webpage](#)

Stay current on upcoming RCRA events and the RCRA quarterly newsletter. [Read More](#)

Senior Vice President for Research

[A Milestone Moment: Fiscal Year 2023 Research Funding Announcement](#)

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 academic year! With the fall semester now underway, I'd like to take a moment to express my appreciation to all Emory faculty and staff. Thanks to you, Emory continues to be at the forefront of institutions that turn research insights into meaningful outcomes. Emory faculty guide teams toward innovative research breakthroughs and secure resources that make research possible, and it is because of our researchers and research staff that Emory University has become renowned for the impact we have on people and communities around the world. [Read More](#)

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