# Research Administration  Brown Bag Series

March 11 , 2025

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# Agenda

- NU-RES Admin Updates
- Data/Systems Updates
- NU-RES Finance Updates
- NU-RES Compliance Updates
- Upcoming Events

# NU-RES Admin  Updates

- NU-RES has developed a [guidance document](#) to facilitate changes in Uniform Guidance as it relates to supply and equipment thresholds, subaward overhead recovery, and use of the new de minimis rate for subrecipients.  While these changes are contingent on the university negotiating a new F&A agreement, we are applying the new thresholds on research budgets for current and future proposals.
- For budget justifications, specifically in the indirect cost section, we ask that the following be used:

"I**ndirect Costs:** In alignment with Northeastern University's rate agreement dated June 6, 2024, indirect costs are calculated at a 60% research rate based on a modified total direct costs (MTDC) basis. MTDC excludes equipment, capital expenditures, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs, and a portion of each subaward. According to the Uniform Guidance changes effective October 1, 2024, indirect costs may be applied to the first $50,000 of each subaward, with equipment defined as tangible personal property that has a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost of $10,000 or more. This proposal anticipates the updated thresholds being reflected in the rate agreement. However, if the rate agreement is not updated prior to the award, the terms outlined in the existing rate agreement at that time will be applied to the project."

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# NU-RES Admin Updates

- On January 22, 2025, the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ) released <u>NOT-HS-25-015</u> which gave notice of the new salary cap effective January 1, 2025. **The AHRQ salary cap increases to $225,700.** This guidance regarding both the increase and rebudgeting applies only to AHRQ.

  - **For Outgoing Proposals:** Going forward, for both AHRQ **and** NIH proposals, budget using use the new Executive Level II amount of $225,700.

  - **For Active Awards:** For AHRQ awards, charge the new salary cap of $225,700 and re-budget per the notice. For NIH awards, continue using the current salary cap of $221,900, until further guidance is received.

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# FAQs re: Sponsored Programs in a New Political Landscape

Please review NU's Global News website at this link

Please send any questions related to Executive Orders and/or Federal directives/notices to: sponsoredresearchquestions@northeastern.edu

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# Data/Systems Updates

- ePAWs 2.0….still on target for 7/1/25 launch
  - Importing all data from ePAWs 1.0 to ePAWs 2.0
  - Existing Data Warehouse will remain; building out a new reporting structure for ePAWs 2.0 in Snowflake
  - Integration with Workday will be post launch
  - Stay tuned for more info on beta launch

- eCD Annual Conflict Disclosure….coming soon!
  - If you are a frequent eCLAWs user, remember to change your role to eCD Discloser when logging in to complete your disclosure

- Awaiting next steps from ITS on NU AI Chatbot; NU-RES Assistant will be part of the pilot launch

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# NU-RES Finance Updates

**Preparing for the Transition to Workday in July 2025- Grant clean-up**

*Communication from Research Finance (Alex Hui), Thursday, March 6, 2025:*

As we prepare for this transition, our ask of your team is to conduct thorough reviews of all open awards and grants, ensuring the timely closure of projects that have reached their end dates.  Review activities include:

- Verifying project costs
- Ensure subrecipient invoices are up to date
- Monitor for any overruns or spend rates
- Processing all cost transfers for both salary and non-salary expenditures

**Coming soon:**

- Interim Payroll Certification FY25 (July 2024 - February 2025) - due **April 7**
- Summer Salary Guidelines

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# NU-RES Compliance Updates

- Research security training requirements mandated by the <u>Department of Energy (DOE) Financial Assistance Letter (FAL 2025-02)</u> and the new requirements outlined in the <u>Department of Energy's (DOE) Financial Assistance Letter (FAL 2024-05)</u> regarding Digital Persistent Identifiers (DPIs) or Persistent Identifiers (PIDs) for all R&D financial assistance awards.

- These requirements become mandatory beginning **May 1, 2025** for all individuals involved in DOE-funded research projects or submitting applications to the DOE. These requirements are being implemented as required by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

- All research security training will be completed through Workday Learning

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# NU-RES Compliance Updates

- Research Security Training Communications:
  - All PIs who have active DOE prime awards, subawards, or have submitted proposals to DOE have been contacted regarding the RS Training requirement via email.
    - Approx. 75 PIs have been contacted
  - We will be assigning the training to the PIs by April 1, 2025
  - Department and college grant administrators should ensure that their faculty who have or regularly submit proposals for DOE funding received the email and complete the training.
  - Link: NU-RES Research Security Course 1: Foundations of Research Security

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# NU-RES Compliance Updates

- NIH Notice NOT-OD-24-163: NIH will **require** all applicants/recipients to link their ORCID ID into SciENcv in the Persistent Identifier (PID) section of the Common Forms.
  - NIH will **require** all applicants/recipients to link their ORCID ID to their eRA Commons Personal Profile on **May 25, 2025**
  - For information on linking an ORCID ID to the eRA Commons Personal Profile see the ORCID ID topic in the eRA Commons help.
  - Additional information regarding SciENcv and ORCID can be found on the NU-RES Compliance website

- NU-RES and COE will co-host a Learn More on this topic with a target date of mid-April

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# Upcoming Events

- Check out the NU-RES Events Calendar

- Virtual Satellite Office Hours, Thursdays 1:30 - 2:30 PM EST

- There is a high likelihood that we will be canceling our two upcoming professional development workshops with Rich Trombetta

- We will be hosting a 1.5-day virtual summer conference.
  - Tuesday, June 17: Half-day focused on career experience and professional development
  - Wednesday, June 18: Full Day focused on pre-award and post-award systems implementations and business process changes and updates

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# Upcoming Events

- **Track 3 – Virtual RCR Workshops**
  - 1 Workshops remain during AY 24/25
    - Wellness and Self-Care for the Researcher: Monday, April 14, 2025, from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST via Teams
  - Registration
  - Workshop Descriptions
  - NU-RES Events Calendar

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# NU-RES and You!

Thank You!

See you in April!



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