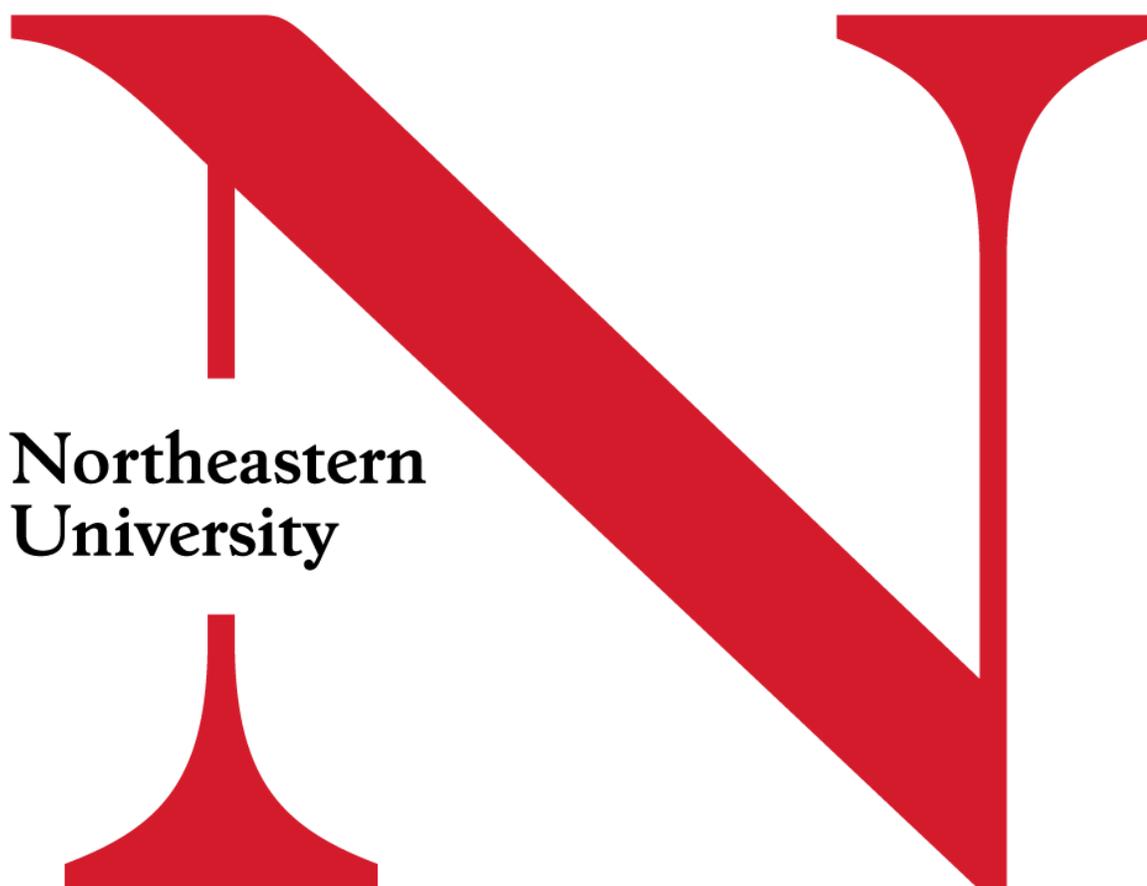# Research Administration Community Update

December 9, 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

- Winter break period (December 24, 2025 - January 1, 2026).

- **Please note that proposals with sponsor deadlines falling during the break must be submitted before the break begins.** To ensure an error-free submission, **final complete proposals must be routed to NU RES by December 17, 2025**.
  - This follows our 5 full business day internal deadline guidance, which allows our team adequate time to conduct thorough reviews and address any issues before sponsor deadline.

- **If you have proposals due immediately after the break, please plan ahead** to ensure adequate review time.

- **Important: The new tuition policy goes into effect for proposals with deadlines of January 1, 2026 and beyond, so please budget accordingly.**

- For detailed information on internal deadlines and submission requirements, please refer to our Proposal Submission Guidance.

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- **NSF Update**
  - No. 149: Updates to NSF Research Security Policies
    - As of December 2, 2025, new certifications are required at the time of proposal submission within the Cover Sheet, Biographical Sketch, and Current and Pending (Other) Support forms. These include:
      - Completion of research security training by all senior/key personnel; and
      - An institution of higher education's status regarding contracts or agreements with any Confucius Institute.
      - Organizations are required to provide supporting documentation, including copies of grants, contracts, and agreements, upon request by NSF.
    - Proposals submitted before December 2, 2025, including those submitted during the recent shutdown, are not subject to these requirements originally set to take effect on October 10, 2025.
    - FAQs here.

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- **NSF Update**
  - No. 149: Updates to NSF Research Security Policies
    - Dear Colleague Letter
    - Grace period for enforcement of Notice No. 149 (NSF IN-149) for proposals submitted between December 2, 2025 and December 31, 2025.
      - NSF will accept proposals that include the earlier version of the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support form between December 2, 2025 and December 31, 2025.
      - Proposals submitted after December 31, 2025 must be fully compliant with NSF IN-149 and will be required to include latest version implemented under this policy.
    - FAQs here.

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NIH Update

- NOT-OD-26-017: Research Security Training Requirements for NIH
  - Implementation of the Research Security Training (RST) requirements outlined in the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-167).
  - Each covered individual (for NIH this is defined as senior/key personnel) listed on application must certify they have completed RST within 12 months of the date of application submission.
  - NIH will collect the individual certification at the time of the application submission, through the Biographical Sketch in SciENcv.
  - The AOR, via their signature on the face page of the application, will certify the applicant institution's compliance with this requirement.
  - NSF, in partnership with the NIH, DOE and DOD, have provided four online RST modules as a resource. Subsequently, the SECURE Center developed an updated and condensed version of the modules. The condensed RST module is designed to meet the government-wide RST requirements
  - **Effective Date:** At this time, the RST requirement is optional. Completion of RST and the individual and institutional certifications will be effective for applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2026.

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NIH Update - continued

- [NOT-OD-26-018](#): NIH's Implementation of Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support for Due Dates on or after January 25, 2026
  - Guide Notice provides details and a tables for the Common Forms, NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement, and instructions required for use for application due dates and RPPR submissions on or after January 25, 2026.
  - NIH will require MFTRP certifications from applicants and individuals identified as senior/key personnel with implementation of the Common Forms.
    - Individual Certification at the time of application: each individual identified as a senior/key person must certify on their Biographical Sketch that they are not a party to a MFTRP.
    - Annual Certification at the time of the RPPR: For awards with RPPRs submitted on or after January 25, 2026, individuals serving as senior/key personnel must certify annually to their participation or non-participation in an MFTRP by uploading a certification statement in Section G.1, Special Notice of Award and Funding Opportunity Announcement Reporting Requirements as a flattened PDF file. The file for each senior/key person must be named 'MFTRPcert_[Name].pdf' without quotations, where '[Name]' is the name of the senior/key person.
    - Effective January 25, 2026, individuals who are a current party to a MFTRP are not eligible to serve as a senior/key person on an NIH grant or cooperative agreement.

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NIH Update - continued

- NOT-OD-26-018: continued

  o A preview of the Biographical Sketch Common Form, NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement, and Current and Pending (Other) Support Common Form and instructions are currently available in SciENcv (see Guide Notice NOT-OD-25-152).

  o NIH will require the use of SciENcv to complete Common Forms

  o All individuals required to submit Common Forms to NIH must:
    - Obtain an Open Researcher and Contributor Identifier (ORCID iD).
    - Link their ORCID iD to their eRA Commons account.
    - Confirm their ORCID iD is displayed in the Persistent Identifier (PID) section of the Common Forms.

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Current NIH Biosketch	Biographical Sketch Common Form	NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement
Education/Training	**Professional Preparation**	Not Applicable
A. Personal Statement: Narrative and 4 product citations.	**Products:** *Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project,* limit 5 citations.	**Personal Statement:** No citations allowed. Can provide narrative for *Personal Statement* including information on the *Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project,* cited in the *Products* section of the Biographical Sketch Common Form. Field is limited to 3,500 characters.
B. Positions, Scientific Appointments and Honors	**Appointments and Positions**: Must only identify all domestic and foreign professional appointments and positions outside of the primary organization for a period up to three years from the date the applicant submits the application to the agency for funding consideration.	**Honors:** Limited to no more than 15 entries.
C. Contributions to Science: Up to 5 narrative contribution descriptions, each allowed to include citations for up to 4 products.	**Products:** Can provide up to 5 other significant products that highlight the senior/key person's Contributions to Science. The NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement will provide the opportunity to describe these contributions in more depth.	**Contributions to Science:** No citations allowed. Can provide up to 5 narrative contributions to science. Each entry is limited up to 2,000 characters. You may refer to products listed in the Other Significant Products section of your Biographical Sketch Common Form that are relevant to the contributions described in this section.

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NIH Update - continued

- NOT-OD-26-019: Updated Application Policies: NIH Administrative Burden Reduction Effort – Removal of Requirements for Letters of Intent and Unsolicited Applications Requesting $500,000 or More in Direct Costs
  - Effective immediately NIH will no longer request or accept LOIs as part of the application process.
    - Applicants are encouraged to review NOFO instructions carefully as they are subject to change.
  - Effective immediately, NIH will no longer require applicants requesting $500,000 or more in direct costs (excluding consortium F&A costs) in any one budget period to contact the funding Institute or Center (IC) before application submission.
    - Applicants are no longer required to include a cover letter identifying the Program Official contact which notes that the IC has agreed to accept assignment of the application
    - Active NOFOs containing this requirement are superseded by this Notice & will be updated going forward.
    - NIH Application Guide & Grants Policy Statement will be updated in next iteration to remove this requirement.

ePAWs v2.0 Soft Launch – Hub NU Clients 🚀

Proposals, Awards & Transactions for the NU-RES Hub Clients:

- ❖ College of Professional Studies
- ❖ D'Amore – McKim
- ❖ Mills College
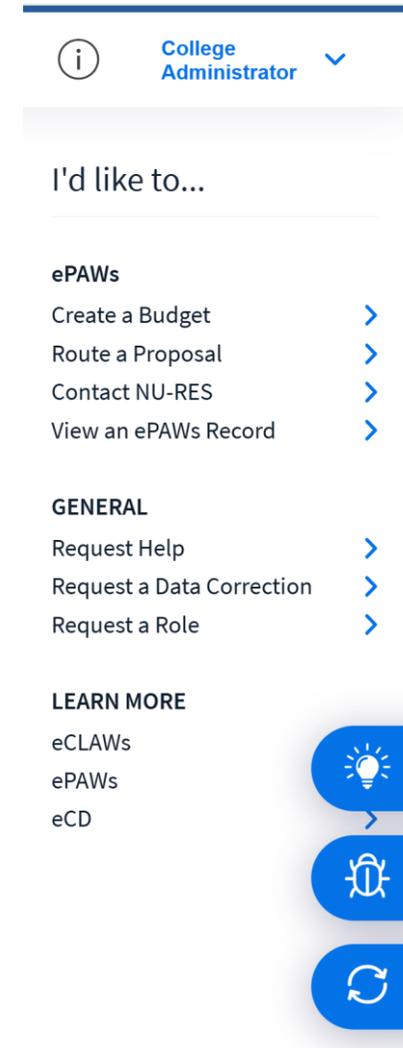- ❖ School of Law

Institutes, Centers & Offices

- ❖ DIBI
- ❖ GRI
- ❖ IEAI
- ❖ Mills
- ❖ Roux

- ❖ Global Network
- ❖ Provost
- ❖ Chancellor

ePAWs v2.0 Launch Timeline

❖ **November 28, 2025:** Awards/Proposals imported to Production environment

❖ **December 9-12, 2025:** Finalizing transaction routes and approval routes

❖ **December 15, 2025:** Soft Launch Hub Clients 🚀
  - Cross use of ePAWs 1.0 and ePAWs 2.0 - collaborative proposals

❖ **December 6 – February 5:** Application & System Load Feedback & Refinement

❖ **February 6:** NU full launch

❖ **February – ongoing:** Data and Reporting reviews (e.g., new data elements to be completed in legacy records, PI profiles, etc.); developing standard reports, user enhancements.

ePAWs v2.0 Launch 🚀

All others in the NU research community are encouraged to continue exploring the pre-production environment:
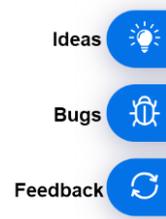
ePAWs 2.0 Pre-Production

End-user training guides are available

Live training....stay tuned:
- Virtual Office Hours Thursdays 1:30-2:30
- Tuesday-Thursday sessions starting 1/6/26
  - Topic specific
  - User specific

We welcome your feedback...

Data/Systems Updates

- EPAWs 1.0 records already submitted but still in workflow...
  - In order to process awards in ePAWs 2.0, they must be in the system as a proposal "Submitted to Sponsor"
  - First data migration occurred on 11/28/25; a second incremental migration will occur just before full launch on 2/6/26
  - As of 12/8/25...
    - 82 records still routing
      - 50 from Q2 FY26
      - 10 from Q1 FY26
      - 11 from FY25 (likely unfunded)
      - 11 from FY22-24 (probably all unfunded)
  - Senior leaders need this information to make decisions about potential future award receipts...
  - Data Team are reviewing NIH monthly for unfunded submissions to update the status in our systems...Records need to be completed in workflow in order for us to update the status

- *Please review your weekly transaction dashboards and help complete the workflow of already submitted proposals*

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Data/Systems Updates

- ECD update
  - Annual Cycle 2025 review by Compliance Office revealed some issues with disclosure processing in eCD (system issues)
  - On 12/4, 649 disclosures were returned to the Discloser as one question was not answered and the system allowed submission for review
    - As of 12/9/26, 301 remaining
  - System issue has been permanently fixed
  - Instructions in an email notification were sent to the affected users
    - *Answer the unanswered question and resubmit*

NUFIN Principal Investigator Dashboard

- PI Dashboard if now finalized

- In search bar type in "NUFIN Principal Investigator Dashboard"

- Each tab will take some time to load, just be patient

- Guidance documents will be finalized shortly

- Training video will be developed

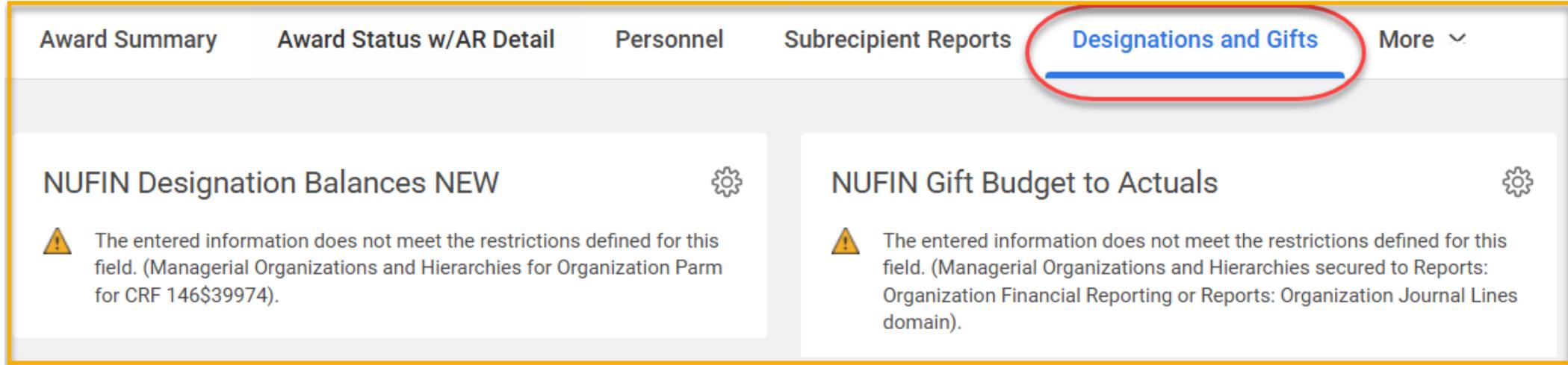- If training is needed for your department please contact Alex

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PI Dashboard -continued

NUFIN Principal Investigator Dashboard

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Award Summary | Award Status w/AR Detail | Personnel | Subrecipient Reports | Designations and Gifts | More Reports and Resources

NUFIN-RF016 Award Budget vs Actuals - Dashboard (Collapsable)

Scroll to the right

Award Budget Start Date	Award Budget End Date	Award Line F&A Rate	Award Line From Date	Award Line To Date	Current Budget	Actuals Current Period	Actuals for Time Period	Commitments	Obligations	Commitments & Obligations	Actuals & Commitments & Obligations	Remaining Budget	Unbilled AR	Billed Amount	Open AR
10/01/2022	09/30/2025	0.00%			489,135.00	13,716.80	452,580.80	0	0	0.00	452,580.80	36,554.20	29,040.80	423,540.00	60,866.84
10/01/2022	09/30/2025	0.00%			489,135.00	13,716.80	452,580.80	0	0	0.00	452,580.80	36,554.20	29,040.80	423,540.00	60,866.84
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PI Dashboard -continued

NU-RES Finance Updates - Workday Trainings

Available on the NU-RES Website here

Workstream	Topic	Date & Time (EDT)	Session Link
General	Workday Navigation Part I	September 16, 2025 1:00PM – 2:00PM	*Recording Link*
General	Workday Navigation Part II	September 18, 2025 1:00PM – 2:00PM	*Recording Link*
Grants	Intercompany Awards	September 23, 2025 1:30PM – 2:30PM	*Recording Link*
FDM/Financial Accounting	Transaction Processing & Compliance Part I	September 25, 2025 1:00PM – 2:00PM	*Recording Link*
HR/Payroll	Transaction Processing & Compliance Part II	October 1, 2025 1:00PM – 2:00PM	*Recording Link*
Grants	Request Framework Workflows	October 14, 2025 1:00PM – 2:00PM	*Recording Link*
Grants	Grants Reports	October 15, 2025 12:00PM – 1:00PM	*Recording Link*
Grants	Award Tasks	October 29, 2025 1:00PM – 2:00PM	*Recording Link*

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NURES Finance Updates

FY25 Payroll Certifications (March - June 2025)
- Final FY25 Payroll Certs have been distributed by RF. Return all completed certs to c.fillis@northeastern.edu by January 16th, 2026.
- Office hours for payroll certs will be held this Thursday, 12/11/25.

PAAs for FY25 – Missing fringe credits
- Fringe correction entries remain in process with Central Accounting at this time. Update coming soon.

Award Tasks for December FFRs
- Grant Manager approvers: please monitor **FFR award tasks** in your Workday inbox.

Concur
- Grant Manager approvers: please make sure reports are reviewed within 15 days, otherwise they will expire and go into AP's queue. If charges are on grants that are pending increments or extensions in Workday, be sure to add a comment in Concur with this additional information.
- High volume of Concur reports coming to RF for review. RFAs will be assisting with reviews. Requests will be returned if grants are in deficit or have expired.

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NU-RES Compliance Updates

Recent Research Security Training (RST) Policy Updates

NSF Notice 149 Update

- **Effective Date: December 2, 2025** (updated November 24, 2025)
- Research security training required for senior/key personnel on NSF proposals
- Applies to PIs with active NSF awards and those submitting new NSF proposals on or after the effective date

NIH Policy Update (NOT-OD-26-017)

- **Effective Date: May 25, 2026**
- Optional implementation period until effective date

- **Northeastern requirement: Mandatory immediately**
  - Driven by Other Support requirements (NOT-OD-25-133) and compliance obligations
  - Expected approval via PI Eligibility Policy (January 2026)
  - Applies to PIs with active NIH awards and those submitting new NIH proposals

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NU-RES Compliance Updates

RST Reminder!

- [DOE Requirements](#)
  - **Have Been Effective Since: May 1, 2025**
  - Research security training required for PIs with active DOE awards and those applying for DOE funding
- All RST requirements can be found [here](#)
- The training is available via Workday Learning: [NU-RES Research Security Course 1: Foundations of Research Security](#)
- **Important!** Please make sure your faculty and anyone who completes the training saves the digital certificate that is provided! It does not appear there is a saved data bank of the certificates, but Workday will have it marked as complete.

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- Northeastern serves as the Northeast (NE) Regional Center for NSF's SECURE Center. The SECURE center works with members of the U.S. research community to create resources and tools to assist with meeting security requirements and continuing collaborative partnerships.

- The NE Regional Center has created a Foreign Travel Resource Toolkit currently housed on the SECURE website (secure-center.org). There are 4 elements to the toolkit:
  - basic travel checklist;
  - high-risk travel checklist geared towards research faculty traveling to FCOC (Foreign Countries of Concern) or working in CET (Critical and Emerging Technologies);
  - a resource guide; and
  - a sample travel briefing

- Feel free to explore the resources. For any questions, please contact Amanda Humphrey and Tessa Seales.

Upcoming Events

o Check out any upcoming events on the **NU-RES Compliance Calendar** or the **NU-RES Calendar**. The 'Web Link' will bring you to the specific calendar entries with additional information and any applicable registration.

o **Essential Research Knowledge Series "Contracting Hot Topics in Research- Part 1" (Virtual RCR Session)**
   o Wednesday, December 10, 2025, from 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM EST
   o Web Link

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NU-RES and You!

Thank You!

Happy Holidays!
New Year!

See you in January!