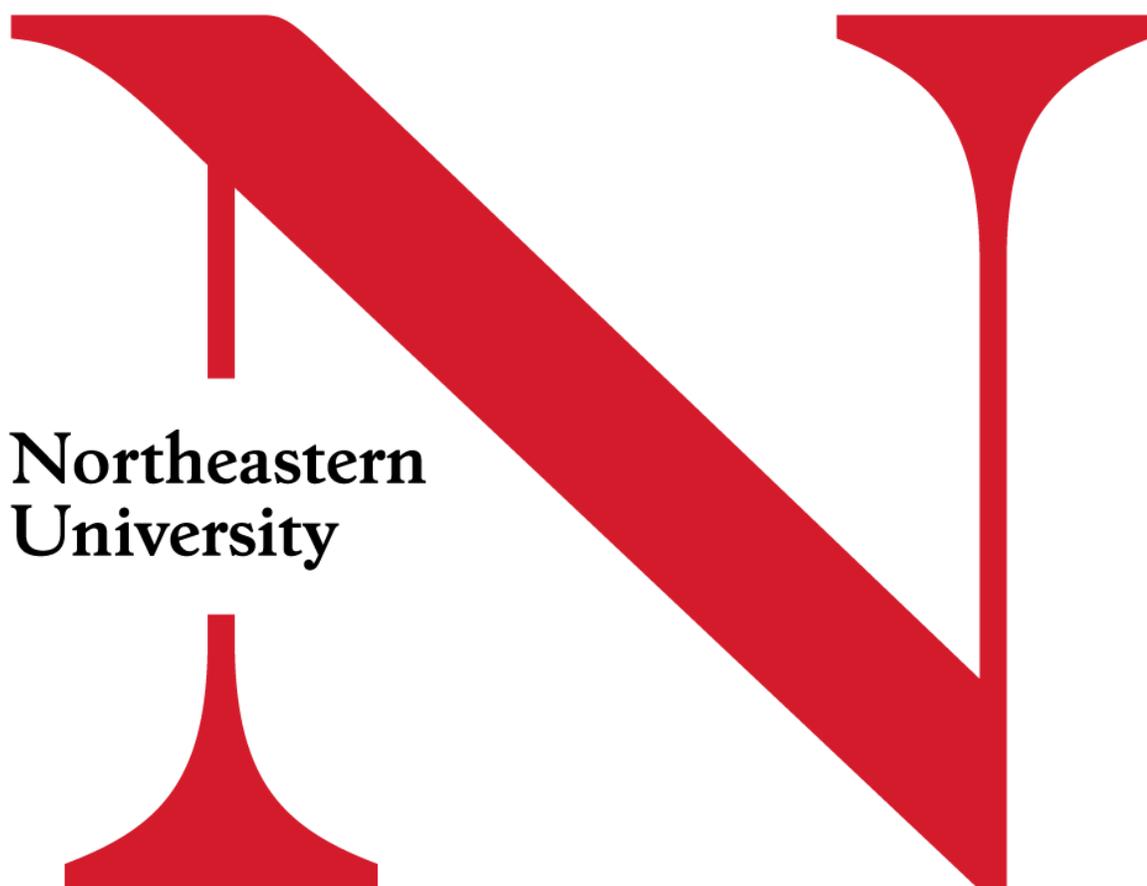


# Research Administration Community Update

February 10, 2026



**Northeastern  
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# Agenda

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

# NU-RES Admin Updates – NIH Updates

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- [NOT-OD-26-034](#): Guidance on Salary Limitation for Grants and Cooperative Agreements FY 2026
  - Effective January 11, 2026, salary limitation(salary cap) for Executive Level II is \$228,000.
- [NOT-OD-26-020](#): Notice of Temporary Extension to Early-Stage Investigator (ESI) Eligibility Period
  - NIH is automatically extending ESI eligibility through March 31, 2026 for investigators whose ESI end date fell in September, October, or November 2025 due to the government shutdown.

# NU-RES Admin Updates – NIH Updates

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- [NOT-OD-26-033](#): Adjusted Timeline for NIH's Implementation of Common Forms
  - NIH is extending the leniency period for adopting Common Forms for Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support through May 2026, rather than requiring compliance by January 25, 2026 as originally outlined in [NOT-OD-26-018](#).
  - NIH will continue to accept the existing NIH Biosketch and Other Support format pages during this period, and encourages applicants to begin using Common Forms as soon as feasible.

# NU-RES Admin Updates – NSF Updates

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- **Policy Notice:** Implementation of Policy Changes to Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide (PAPPG) 24-1, Supplement 2
  - Effective January 22, 2026
  - Author accepted manuscripts must be deposited in NSF's Public Access Repository (PAR) at or before publication — the previous 12-month waiting period before public access was required has been eliminated
  - Investigators must **publicly** share primary data, samples, software, and other materials at no more than incremental cost
  - Exceptions to sharing (e.g., to safeguard privacy, validity of results, or integrity of collections) must be detailed in the Data Management and Sharing Plan (DMSP) at proposal submission; later changes that affect objectives or scope require prior written NSF Program Officer approval
  - DMSP 2-page limit removed
  - Requirement to use Research.gov DMSP tool takes effect 4/27/26; continue submitting completed PDF version until then

# NU-RES Admin Updates – Global Network

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## **Friendly Reminder:**

Please remind faculty to connect with NU London Administration as an initial first step  
[research@nulondon.ac.uk](mailto:research@nulondon.ac.uk)

## **Funding/Collaborative Opportunities with UCD and Event Planning**

NU London can coordinate/liaise with UCD to ensure strategic alignment, next steps, and re: Events, distribution to include NU London researchers as appropriate.

# NU-RES Admin Update (Contracts)

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- New DUA Intake Form is now LIVE!!!
- Addgene Master agreement in the works!
- When things are tough, just remember how happy a turtle with a Strawberry is.



# Data/Systems Updates

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- ...at long last....ePAWs 2.0 launches 2/18/26
  - *for Northeastern Applicant Org proposal/awards only...*
- During soft launch, critical changes were identified to ensure a successful full launch
  - Available on launch date 2/18/26
    - PI will be removed from the DRAFT stop – reduces notifications to PI (PI will be notified at Certification stop only)
    - Dashboards to show Lead Unit/Grant Officer
    - Search by Deadline date and Deadline date range
    - SGAs will be able to log in to certify in the system (no more bypasses)
  - Available on either 2/26/26 or 3/12/26 (depending on testing progress)
    - Reduced number of required fields to save a DRAFT record
    - SubAward entry will be simplified
- *Note: NU is transitioning ePAWs development and maintenance to a new external vendor effective 7/1/26*
  - *Knowledge transfer and ramp down/ramp up activities ongoing for remainder of FY26*
  - *NU resource decision*

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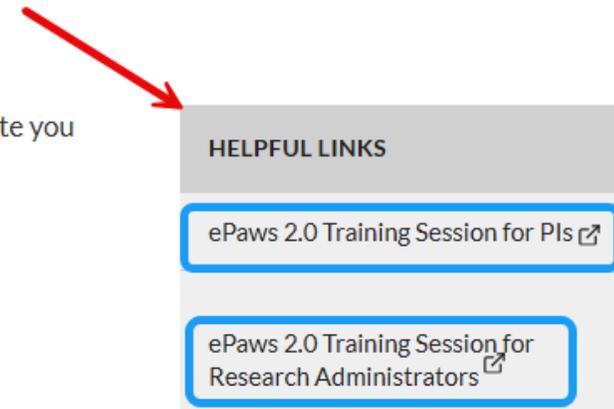
○ Training documentation and videos available!

- <https://res.research.northeastern.edu/era-systems/epaws/epaws-2-0/epaws-2-0->

## ePAWs 2.0 Training

ePAWs 2.0 grant management solution is designed to streamline and simplify the workflows and will navigate you through each stage of the grant, from the initial proposal submission to the final award closeout.

- ePAWs 2.0: Getting Started & Diving into Details Guide
- ePAWs 2.0: Submit a Proposal
- ePAWs 2.0: Approve/get notified of a Proposal
- ePAWs 2.0: Responding to an Information Request
- ePAWs 2.0: Certify a Proposal



HELPFUL LINKS

- ePaws 2.0 Training Session for PIs 
- ePaws 2.0 Training Session for Research Administrators 

# Data/Systems Updates

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- 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 2/13/26
  - As of 2/10/26...
    - 56 records still routing
      - 46 from Q3 FY26
      - 4 from Q2 FY26
      - 5 from FY25 (likely unfunded)
      - 1 from FY24 (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**



# Reporting in Data Warehouse

ePAWs 1.0	ePAWs 2.0
ePAWs 1.0/Coeus data will remain in the current Data Warehouse	ePAWs 2.0 data will be housed in the Snowflake environment (new)
ePAWs 1.0 Proposal Data will continue to be updated in the Data Warehouse until all proposals are completed in workflow	ePAWs 2.0 Proposal data module is nearly ready for launch in Snowflake
Coeus Award data will be static as of 2/13/26	ePAWs 2.0 Award data module is delayed (structure of ePAWs 2.0 awards is different)
ePAWs 1.0 and Coeus data being migrated to ePAWs 2.0.....(NU applicant org data only)	Estimate 1-2 month delay in Awards data to Snowflake environment
	<i>NU-RES Data team to pull data from ePAWs 2.0 database for basic reporting needs</i>

*\*ePAWs 2.0 is for NU applicant org proposals and awards*

# Types of Reports and Timelines

Reports on...	Available...
Proposals completed in ePAWs 1.0 on/before 2/13/26	Cognos reports in Snowflake environment (new) 2/18/2026 & in existing Data Warehouse
Proposals completed in ePAWs 1.0 on/after 2/14/26	Existing Data Warehouse, until subsequent import to ePAWs 2.0 completed
Awards	Existing Data Warehouse, but data will be as of 2/13/2026, until reports available in Snowflake environment
Transactions	Existing transactions dashboards will remain in operation after 2/18/26 through transition period
Ad hoc requests	<i>NU-RES Data team to pull data from legacy &amp; ePAWs 2.0 databases for basic reporting needs</i>

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# NU-RES Finance Updates - Candex

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- AP is introducing **CANDEX** for Reimbursing Non-Employees For Travel-Related Expenses.
- Webinar scheduled for Friday 2/13/26 1pm EST.
- All requisitions should go to Grant Managers for approval.
- Requisitions over \$2,500 require RF approval. Reqs below this threshold will not be reviewed by RF.

Northeastern University is committed to expediting the payment of one-time or infrequent travel and travel-related expenses for non-employees\*. We're pleased to introduce Candex, a fully integrated catalog available through *IntelliBUY* for reimbursing domestic and international non-employees for travel and travel-related expenses.

**Key Benefits of Candex:**

- Faster payment processing
- Reduced administrative burden
- Automated compliance
- Global capability

We'd like to invite you to a live, instructor-led webinar on **Friday, February 13, at 1 pm EST** to learn more about using Candex and the new process—**calendar invite to follow**.

Thank you for adopting this new tool as we continue to enhance our payment processes.

Regards,

Bryan Rusciano  
Director, Travel and Expense  
Procurement Services

*\*A non-employee is defined as a contingent worker, a temporary non-student, a job candidate, a guest lecturer/speaker, etc.*

# NU-RES Finance Updates

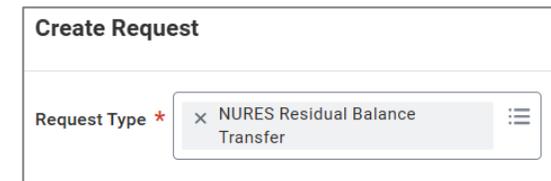
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## 1. FY25 Payroll Certifications

- The payroll certification period through 6/30/25 is now closed. We will be requesting an update on past due certs starting this week.
- All FY25 PCA/PAA adjustments should have posted for January close. RF will be reviewing any new FY25 PAA activity as of Jan26 close, new certs to be distributed as applicable.
- **PCAs that increase salaries on grants for pay periods in FY25 can no longer be approved.**

## 2. Residual Balance Transfer Forms

- RBTs can be requested using the “Create Request” task in Workday.
- RF will process RBT Journal Entry using ***Spend Category SC1088***.
- When running Grant Expense, Budget vs. Actual, or similar reports, the Award/Grant will appear as fully spent. The RBT amount will show as an “expense” to SC1088 (Object Class: Other Direct Costs).



The screenshot shows a 'Create Request' form in Workday. The 'Request Type' dropdown menu is open, displaying the selected option 'NURES Residual Balance Transfer'. The form title is 'Create Request'.

# NU-RES Finance Updates

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## 3. Award Tasks for Final FFRs

- Department approval is required. Please continue to monitor your WD Inbox for FFR approvals.
- When reviewing final expenditures on grants with subawards, be sure to reconcile received invoices against actual posted expenditures. Please remind PIs to review/approve pending subinvoices that may be in their queues.
- Reminder: most federal agencies require final FFRs to be submitted within 90-120 days of the project end date. Final reconciliation amounts must be confirmed by Department in time for RF to request the final LOC draws prior to the deadline.

### *Coming soon:*

- **30-60 day closeout notification emails** – RF team will begin sending closeout emails starting this month. The first round of emails will include awards that ended in January 2026.

# NU-RES Finance Updates

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## 4. Final Invoices

- RAAs will begin using award tasks for final invoices
- Department approval is required for some period final and all project final invoices. Please continue to monitor your WD Inbox for final invoice approvals.
- Invoice recons are completed for posted expenses only, no manual adjustments
- Invoices can be run by Budget date to capture expenses after POP
- Review final invoice decision matrix for Grant Manager actions/to-do's

# NU-RES Finance – Final Invoice Matrix

		Is the project continuing?		
		YES - NCE	YES - Increment	NO
Is it Auto CF?	YES	<p><b>NU-RES Finance -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invoice generated based on <b>Accounting Date</b></li> <li>- Invoice is sent as is, no adjustments</li> <li>- Billing resumes when NCE is applied in Workday</li> <li>- Expenses posted after POP end are captured in subsequent invoice once NCE is received</li> <li>- NO NEW GR/Award line - existing GR/award line end date is extended</li> <li>- NO APPROVAL required from Grant Manager</li> </ul>	<p><b>NU-RES Finance -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invoice generated based on <b>Accounting Date</b> for posted expenses</li> <li>- No manual adjustments, no expenses outside of POP</li> <li>- Resume Billing when the increment is applied in Workday</li> <li>- Expenses posted after POP end are captured in subsequent invoice once the increment is received</li> <li>- NO NEW GR/Award line - existing GR/award line end date is extended, award line amount and budget is increased</li> <li>- NO APPROVAL required from Grant Manager</li> </ul> <p><b>Grant Manager -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirm continuation is expected</li> <li>- Work with GO to formalize contract amendment and receive continuation</li> <li>- Communicate to RAA and GO if continuation does not come through</li> </ul>	<p><b>NU-RES Finance -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft PROJECT FINAL INVOICE based on <b>Budget Date</b> for posted expenses</li> <li>- NO manual adjustments, NO projections</li> <li>- Reduce Award line and budget to final invoice amount</li> <li>- Place limit on Billing Schedule</li> <li>- <b>Invoice APPROVAL REQUIRED by Grant Manager</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Grant Manager -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirm Project has ended</li> <li>- Confirm recon amount, review, and approve project final invoice</li> <li>- Confirm final costs (e.g. subrecipient, vendor invoices) have posted to the award</li> <li>- Stop recurring charges or redirect from the award</li> <li>- Resolve any overspends (deficits) to allow for closeout</li> <li>- Liquidate PO balances</li> <li>- Communicate any project status change to RAA and GO (i.e. continuation)</li> </ul>
	NO	<p><b>Grant Manager -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirm NCE is expected</li> <li>- Work with GO to formalize NCE/receive contract amendment</li> <li>- Communicate to RAA and GO if NCE does not come through</li> </ul>	<p><b>NU-RES Finance -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BUDGET PERIOD FINAL INVOICE based on <b>Budget Date</b> for posted expenses</li> <li>- NO manual adjustments, NO expenses outside of POP</li> <li>- Resume Billing when the increment is applied in Workday</li> <li>- NEW GR/Award line is created for the new increment</li> <li>- <b>Reduce Award line and budget to final invoice amount</b></li> <li>- Place Limit on Billing Schedule</li> <li>- <b>Invoice APPROVAL REQUIRED by Grant Manager</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Grant Manager -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirm continuation is expected</li> <li>- Confirm recon amount, review and approve budget period final invoice</li> <li>- Work with GO to request and formalize contract amendment and receive continuation</li> <li>- Work with GO to request carry forward of unobligated balance, if needed, after final invoice is submitted</li> </ul>	

# NU-RES Compliance Updates

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- NIH MFTRP Certification Required for RPPRs ([NOT-OD-26-018](#))
  - **Key Requirement:** Senior/key personnel must certify annually to their participation or non-participation in a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program (MFTRP) by uploading a certification statement in Section G.1 as a flattened PDF file named 'MFTRPcert\_[Name].pdf'.
  - **Important clarification:** This certification requirement applies to RPPRs where the biosketches and C&Ps were submitted prior to the implementation of the MFTRP attestation in the common forms. In the future, all proposals (including JITs) will automatically include this attestation language in the common forms. It may be required to request that subrecipients provide such information for their key/senior personnel, since the NIH wants to see the individual PDFs uploaded. For any questions, please contact your grant officer.
  - **Reminder for outgoing subawards:** For FDP member institutions, please utilize the FDP Letter of Intent (LOI), as the current LOI language covers this certification requirement. Our contracts team often requests LOIs at issuance, so please gather them at submission for compliance. For any questions, please reach out to Savanna Thompson or Nancy Bynoe

# NU-RES Compliance Updates

## What is SciENcv?

- Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae ([SciENcv](#)) is an electronic system that allows researchers to assemble their professional information needed for participation in federally funded research.
- Researchers can use SciENcv to create and maintain Biosketches that are submitted with grant applications and annual reports.
- As of **October 23, 2023**, SciENcv is mandatory for any NSF funded research as outlined in the [NSF PAPPG 2023](#).
- On **January 25, 2026**, NIH will require the use of [SciENcv](#) to complete Common Forms (i.e., Biographical Sketch, Current and Pending (Other Support) and the NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement to produce digitally certified PDF(s) ([NOT-OD-26-018](#)).

## Register for SciENcv

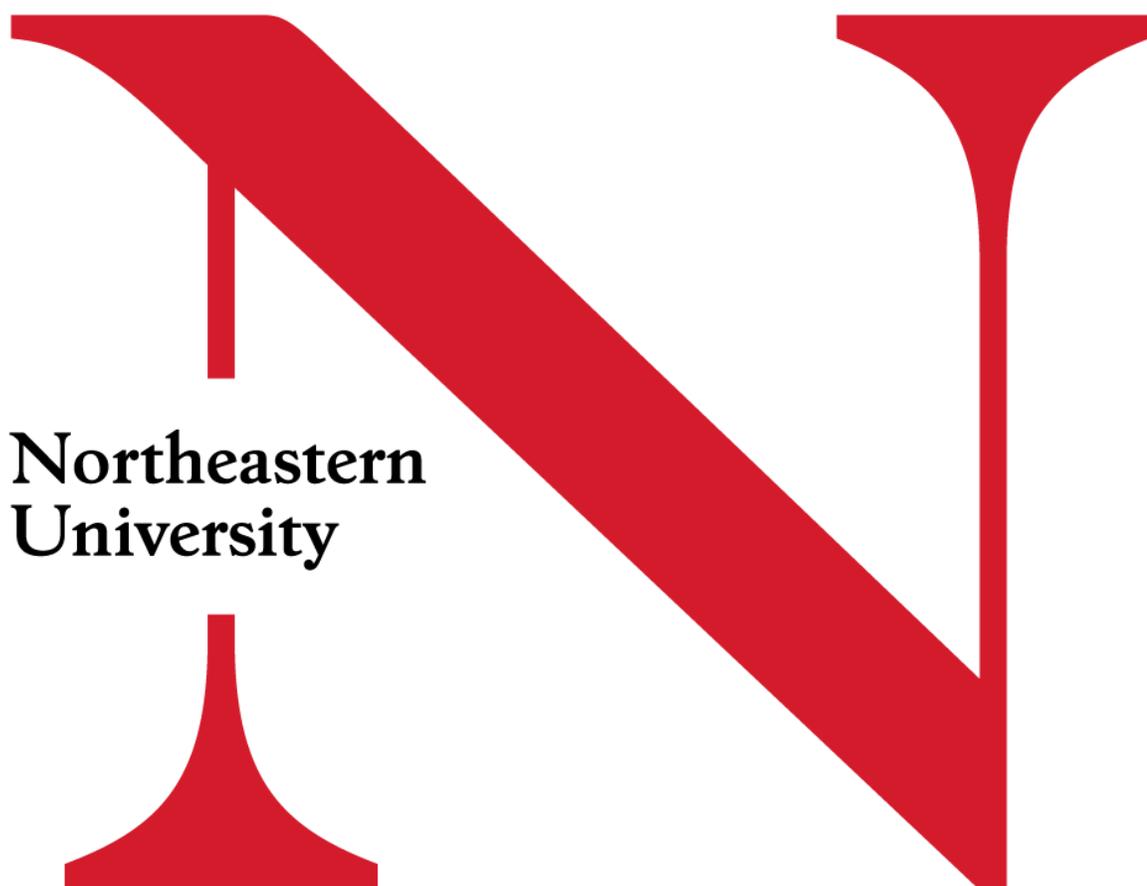
- Users can access SciENcv by visiting <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/>.
- You can find step by step instructions on Getting a SciENcv account [here](#). Additional Quick Card links are below:
  - [SciENcv: Getting an Account](#)
  - [SciENcv: Add/Remove Delegates](#)
  - [SciENcv: Link to External Accounts](#)

## Using ORCID to populate SciENcv

- The easiest way to populate your SciENcv biosketch is through an [ORCID iD](#). An ORCID record is a free account (register [here](#).) that creates a persistent identifier that will follow a researcher throughout their career and allows the researcher to gather all their scholarly work in a single location.
- A researcher can use it to add publications to their SciENcv Biosketch that they have already linked in their ORCID account.
- Follow the instructions on this [Link to External Accounts Quick Card](#) to link your ORCID iD to your SciENcv account.

# Upcoming Events

Always check the [NU-RES Events Calendar](#) for any upcoming webinars, workshops, or office hours



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# Upcoming Events

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- **2025-2026 Academic Year: In-Person RCR Workshops**
  - **Contemporary Ethical Issues in Complex Research Environment**
    - Mon, Feb 23, 2026, 10:30 AM – 12:45 PM, Location: Curry Student Center, Room #340
- **2025-2026 Academic Year: Virtual Deep Dive RCR Workshops**
  - **Copyright for Academics: Navigating Rights, Responsibilities, and Compliance**
    - Monday, March 16, 2026, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
  - **Peer Review Essentials: Ethics, Standards, and Best Practices**
    - Monday, March 30, 2026, from 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

# Upcoming Events

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- **2025-2026 Academic Year: Essential Research Knowledge Series**
  - **Contracting Hot Topics – Part 2 (The Re-Hotting - Subawards)**
    - Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
  - **Export Controls**
    - Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
  - **International Travel & Collaboration**
    - Wednesday, April 1, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

# Upcoming Events

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- [NYU Research Administration Demonstration \(RAD\) Series](#)
  - The goal of RAD is to provide information/knowledge sharing for all research administrators. New research administrators could utilize RAD as part of their new employee onboarding, while veteran research administrators could utilize RAD for their continued learning (or refresher).
  - All interested parties are welcome! All RAD sessions are taught by national-level, expert presenters. All sessions are free (\$0 cost).
  - NYU can provide CEU or certificate of attendance/completion for folks who need it.
  - Please RSVP for any RAD sessions via the [online registration](#).

NU-RES and You!

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Thank You!

See you in March!

