

# Research Administration Community Update

April 14, 2026



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University**

# Wish Your Quantum PIs a Happy World Quantum Day!

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of Quantum Science and Technology  
around the World



# 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

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## NIH Update:

- [NOT-OD-26-057](#): Publication of the Revised NIH Grants Policy Statement (Rev. March 2026) for Fiscal Year 2026
  - This update incorporates new and modified requirements, clarifies certain policies, and implements changes in statutes, regulations, and policies that have been implemented through appropriate legal and/or policy processes since the previous version.
  - This version includes policies and requirements that have been published via Guide Notices in effect as of March 17, 2026. The updates published in this version of the NIHGPS consolidate all such Guide Notices and supersede the April 2024 version of the NIHGPS.
  - [Significant Changes 5-page PDF.](#)

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## NIH Update:

- [NOT-OD-26-062](#): Prior Approval Requirement for Changes to Domestic Subawards
  - Effective June 1, 2026, all prime recipients are required to obtain NIH prior approval when adding a new domestic subaward to a project post-award, when the arrangement was not originally a part of the peer-reviewed and approved application.
    - As a reminder, effective May 1, 2025, NIH no longer recognizes foreign subawards. Recipients seeking to initiate a new international collaboration must utilize the new application structure for NIH-funded international collaborations (PF5/UF5)
  - Requests must be submitted in the eRA Commons Prior Approval Module using the “Other Request” type.

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## NIH Update:

- [NOT-OD-26-063](#): Harmonizing the NIH Definition of “Intervention” with the Common Rule
  - In relation to Clinical Trials, NIH is adopting the definition of an intervention as defined in 45 CFR 46, Subpart A
    - Both physical procedures by which information or biospecimens are gathered (e.g., venipuncture) and manipulations of the subject or the subject's environment that are performed for research purposes.

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## NIH Update:

- **NOT-OD-26-064**: Update of NIH Late Application Submission Policy and End of Continuous Submissions
  - Continuous Submission applications will be accepted through August 10, 2026 and then NIH will end the policy.
  - Updated Late Application Submission Policy is effective for applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2026
    - You may submit within the late application period, if within four calendar weeks before or after the due date, any PD/PI named on the application participates in
      - An NIH peer review study section or special emphasis panel
      - An NIH Board of Scientific Counselors, Program Advisory Committee, or an NIH Advisory Board or Council
    - To be considered under the late policy, you must submit your application within two calendar weeks of the original due date.
    - No advance permission is given, must use cover letter to explain late submission.

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## NIH Update:

- [Funding Blog](#): Path to a Simpler Funding Opportunity Landscape
  - Streamlining NOFOs and application process to place greater emphasis on investigator-initiated science rather than asking researchers to align their work with highly specific funding opportunities.
  - Gives investigators greater flexibility to propose their own research topics.
  - NIH Institutes and Centers still retain the ability to issue targeted funding opportunities when there is strong programmatic need.
  - Fewer funding opportunities does not mean fewer funded applications.
  - To support the communication of areas of scientific interest, investigators can also review the topics listed within the new [Highlighted Topics portal](#).

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## Submission Reminder:

- Complete Proposal Submission at least 5 full business days prior to funding agency deadline
  - All required technical and administrative components in their final format, consistent with the funding announcement. If submitting via agency portal, a printout from the portal should be attached to the ePAWS2.0 record.
  - No empty fields, placeholders, or draft documents.
  - Funding announcement number/instructions.
  - All necessary subaward documents, department and institutional approvals, including cost share/indirect cost waiver approvals.
  - Ready for submission without further confirmation from the PI.
  - Only forms that require NU-RES completion/signature may be in draft format.

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## Submission Reminder:

- Any proposal routed in ePAWS2.0 less than 5 full business days before the deadline are subject to the following conditions:
  - Investigators assume risk that their proposals may not be successfully submitted by the funding agency's deadline, may be rejected by the agency, and are also subject to administrative withdrawal by NU-RES if, after submission and upon full institutional review, there are commitments that cannot be met or issues that cannot be resolved.
  - NU-RES will conduct a review based on best efforts and the documentation attached to ePAWS. The depth of this review will depend on when the proposal is routed, the number of proposals submitted in advance of this proposal, and other deadline-driven priorities. These proposals will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis.
  - NU-RES reserves the right to submit without review and to conduct a full post-submission review.

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## Submission Reminder:

- Additional Considerations

- Submissions requiring registration in a new funding agency portal, hard copies, notarized signatures, insurance certificates or proof of insurance, non-standard administrative forms, review of contractual terms and conditions and/or letters of exception, please notify GO at least 10 business days before the deadline to ensure enough time for proper review, completion of documents and/or portal registration.
- If the funding agency requires hard copies, the department and PI are responsible for mailing them. NU-RES will mail hard copies only if the proposal requires a hard copy of an authorized institutional official's signature and proposal is routed with sufficient time ahead of the deadline.
- Internal approvals for items such as cost share and indirect cost rate waivers should be provided upon routing the ePAWS records. If not included, approvers should be aware that by approving an ePAWS record, they endorse the submission, and all commitments made within it. The University reserves the right to withdraw an application or refuse to accept an award if commitments contained in the proposal cannot be met.

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## Pending Proposals in ePAWS 1.0

- Applies to Northeastern only — KRI is not affected and will continue using ePAWS 1.0
- We have already transitioned to ePAWS 2.0, but the old system has been kept running to allow pending proposals to be completed
- All remaining proposals in ePAWS 1.0 must be completed before a final data migration into ePAWS 2.0 can occur
- Department action is needed on records that are In Progress, Approval in Progress, or Awaiting Certification
- Proposals not completed by **April 30** will need to be rebuilt from scratch in ePAWS 2.0
- Incomplete records are also blocking institutional reporting and award setup in the new system

# NU-RES Contracts Updates

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## Related Records in ePAWS 2.0



- All eCLAWS agreement records that are connected to a proposal/funded award should now be related to the ePAWS 2.0 record **at the time of submission**
  - This includes:
    - Unfunded agreements- NDAs/MTAs/DUAs/etc.
    - Funded agreements executed in eCLAWS
    - Modifications to any of the above
- These records were previously linked in eCLAWS only; ePAWS 2.0 allows agreements to be linked across both ePAWS 2.0 and eCLAWS

# Data/Systems Updates

- EPAWs 2.0...Continued improvements are listed on the [ePAWs enhancements webpage](#)
- In 4/9/26 release:
  - Implement a generic notification for Transaction workflow actions; include dynamic information in the generic notification from the linked record
  - Funding Agency Details: Error on Adding Contact information fixed

New transaction request T-JIT-0021-v20260407 for Record 26-P-01336

 epawsdev@neu.edu  
ePAWS-Test

Reply Reply All Forward  

Tue 4/7/2026 10:46 AM

Greetings:

A transaction associated with the record listed below is in workflow and may require your attention. Please log into [ePaws](#), review the details below, and take any required action. Investigators should review the "Records Need My Attention" widget on My Dashboard; College Administrators and Grant/Contract Officers should review the "My Pool" or "My Queue" widget on My Dashboard.

**Transaction Number:** T-JIT-0021-v20260407  
**Transaction Purpose:** Pre-Award Management  
**Transaction Type:** Just-In-Time  
**Record Title :** 26-P-01336 NM NIH UAT Test Proposal  
**Sponsor:** National Institutes of Health  
**Prime Sponsor:**  
**Lead PI:** NM, Pramoda  
**Lead Unit:** BOS : Boston Campus  
**Transaction Current Stop:** Investigator Certification  
**Transaction Comments:** Test Notify  
Test One  
Test Email

Any comments added by the Submitter will be shown in the generic email template (can be multiple comments)

Questions regarding the eCD/eCLAWs/ePAWs applications should be directed to the [NU-RES Help Center](#).

# Data/Systems Updates (cont.)

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- In 4/16/26 release:
  - Allow the Transaction GO to control the generation of a sub-award transaction in post-award processes
  - Separate Proposal & Award common elements to preserve the different data elements
  - Default FY funds counted as blank; hide unused question/flag; if award had an advance account, Workday award number must be specified in order to submit transaction
  - Remove proposal data from the Transaction popup; award data may have changed and differs from the original
- Create fields to collect contact information on Prime Funder (point of contact, Lead PI, and email addresses)
- Enforce the requirement when entering a new Sponsor to a proposal record, the user must provide the contact/details about the new Sponsor before allowing submission of the proposal into workflow (replaces the Wufoo form for new sponsors)
- Show a list of records where the user is assigned or has been a stop owner (not only current stop).

# Data/Systems Updates (cont.)

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New updated instructions for ORS proposals in epaws 2.0 →



ORS ePAWs 2.0

[ePAWS 2.0 RA Training — Feedback Survey](#)

# 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 Proposals will continue to be updated in the current Data Warehouse <b>*deadline April 30 to complete these in workflow</b>	<b>ePAWs 2.0 Proposal Reports available:</b> RSRCH0001 Multi-Year Proposal Summary RSRCH0003 Proposal Details Total Proposal Amount RSRCH0004 College Proposal Summary RSRCH0017 Proposals by Lead PI
Coeus Awards data static as of 2/13/26	<b>Actively working with BI Team to develop ePAWs 2.0 Award Reports</b>
Ad hoc requests	<i>NU-RES Reports 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, <b>new import imminent</b>
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

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1. Welcome Michelle Ledoux, RF Senior Compliance Specialist!
  - Michelle will oversee the various payroll transactions that route through RF, including summer salary, PCAs, payroll certifications, and related processes.
2. 2026 Faculty Summer Salary Guidance released last week. All relevant docs will be posted to [IBS Page - NURES Website](#).
  - Period Activity Pay (PAP) forms require IBS calculation and description of work being performed on grants.
  - PAPs will be returned if 1) IBS/SOW justification is incomplete, 2) Grants are in closeout status, 3) Grants are in deficit.
3. Past due FY25 payroll certifications – please return them to Clarissa Fillis asap. Final round of escalations will go out this week.

# NU-RES Finance Reminders

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## KB000024173 - Honoraria and Speaker Fees – Eligibility and Procedures

- No honoraria expenses allowed on sponsored research

## NU-RES Research Participant Support Cost Guidance

- Participant Support Costs (PSCs) vs Subject Money

Fully executed agreements are required for all services.

Updated Candex resources are available via AskFin.

Anyone submitting or approving transactions should ensure that all compliance criteria (including detailed business purpose and supporting documentation) are met.



# NU-RES Finance Updates – Billing Team

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## Final Invoice Notifications – **First round sent 4/10/2026**

- **Frequency/Timeline**

- Monthly, following the end the month
- Awards captured based on Award Contract End Date +/- 15 days – *e.g. Notification for April final bills will capture end dates from 4/16/2026 to 5/15/2026*
- Only award lines that just ended will be included (*i.e. Previous budget periods are omitted from the report.*)

- **Distribution**

- Automated from [Research\\_Billing@Northeastern.edu](mailto:Research_Billing@Northeastern.edu)
- Notifications sent per Grant Manager group, CC: to RAA

- **Highlights**

- Please validate and REPLY ALL if projects are ending or continuing and how (NCE vs Increment)
- Please ensure all final costs are allocated to the award, **manual adjustments cannot be captured**
- Please note Special Conditions related to Carry-forward

## Final Invoice Draft and Approval via Award Tasks -

- **Budget Period Final** Invoices for awards with **Restricted Carry-Forward**
- **Project Final** Invoices (*i.e. award has ended*)

# NU-RES Finance Updates – Billing Team

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Research Billing

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To: [Redacted] Fri 4/10/2026 1:09 PM

Cc: 🟢 Tyson, Ligia; ○ Research Billing

Dear Grant Managers,

Below is a list of your awards that have recently ended or are approaching their end date and have a final invoice due.

**Please take a moment to validate and confirm if the projects are ending, continuing with a new increment, or continuing with a no-cost extension,** and reply to this email as soon as possible. You will receive a draft final invoice through a Workday Award Task for review and approval in the following weeks, as applicable.

Please review all expenses on the project and ensure they are correct and allowable. Expenses posted to the projects after the end date will be heavily scrutinized and should include only those expenses that fall within the project period of performance. **Please ensure all billable costs have been posted in Workday, as no manual adjustments will be allowed.**

Sponsor	Award	Award PI	Grant	Award Line From Date	Award Line To Date	RAA Assigned	Line Current Amount	Billed Amount	Remaining Award Line Balance	Special Condition(s)
University of Massachusetts Lowell	AWD		GR	10/01/2022	03/31/2026	LT	\$	\$	\$	
University of Massachusetts Lowell	AWD		GR	10/01/2022	03/31/2026	LT	\$	\$	\$	
Brigham and Women's Hospital Inc	AWD		GR	04/01/2024	03/31/2026	LT	\$	\$	\$	Carry-forward - Automatic Prior Approval Required
Rockwell Collins, Inc.	AWD		GR	01/01/2025	03/31/2026	LT	\$	\$	\$	Carry-forward - N/A Invoice - Portal Submission
University of California	AWD		GR	12/01/2023	04/07/2026	LT	\$	\$	\$	Carry-forward - Automatic

Please feel free to forward this notification as needed to other relevant members of your team.

Thank you.  
NU-RES Finance



# NU-RES Compliance Updates

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- Get ready for the 2026 Virtual NU-RES Summer Conference!
  - Targeting around the dates of June 17 and 18
  - Each day will be half days with approx. 3 – 4 hours of content
  - The agenda is geared to have an appeal to both research administrators and faculty
  - We will record these sessions and make any slide decks available after the conference

# NU-RES Compliance Updates

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- Day 1 - Data Through the Research Lifecycle: Compliance, Security & Ethics
  - Topics:
    - Data Management Planning & Sponsor Requirements,
    - DOJ Bulk Data Rules & Compliance,
    - Ethics, Privacy & Legal Considerations in Research Data,
    - Cybersecurity & Long-Term Data Management

- Day 2 – Research Operations Excellence and Leadership
  - Topics:
    - Live, interactive, contracts demonstration/walkthrough workshop
    - Business process/reporting best practices/hot topics workshop (1 or 2 sessions)
    - Leadership, mentorship, and professional development with SLT (1 or 2 sessions)
  - These topics are currently being developed further. Input is welcome

# NU-RES Compliance Updates

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- The Winter 2026 Edition of the NU-RESearch Quarterly Newsletter was issued on 03/31
  - If you didn't receive the newsletter, all editions are available on the NU-RES Compliance Website [here](#)
  - If you are not on the newsletter mailing list and would like to be, please reach out to me, and you will be added to receive the coming Spring 2026 edition (targeted release of June 1) and all future editions.

# Upcoming Events

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- **2025-2026 Academic Year: Essential Research Knowledge Series**
  - **Contracting Hot Topics – Part 2 (The Re-Hotting - Subawards)**
    - Wednesday, April 15, 2026, from 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM
    - The description of the workshop has been slightly updated as of 04/14.
  - There will be a Part 3 follow-up session covering additional material targeting Tuesday, May 5, from 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM EST. A calendar invite with session details will be sent out soon.

# Upcoming Events

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If we've learned anything over the past several years, it's that some of the most important resources for inspiration and resilience can be found in the research administration community.

To help encourage the spirit of connection, sharing, and support, we're hosting the University of South Alabama's Jennifer Mills and Kansas State University's Mollie Robbins-Wint to explore how research administrators everywhere can build connections and harness the power of their peer networks.

- **The Power of Peer Community**  
Tuesday, April 28, 2026  
11:00 AM Pacific / 2:00 PM Eastern

[Register now!](#)



# 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 May!

