

# Research Administration Community Update

May 12, 2026



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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

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## NIH Update:

[NOT-OD-26-072](#) - Update - NIH Implementation of Uniform Administrative Requirements for Federal Financial Assistance

- Congress requires NIH to follow older indirect cost rules (45 CFR Part 75) — this restriction has been in place since FY 2018. As a result, NIH has rescinded two flexibilities it introduced in January 2025:
- \$50K subaward MTDC threshold → reverts to **\$25K**
- 15% de minimis indirect cost rate → reverts to **10%**
- Note: The updated equipment threshold (\$10K) was **not** rescinded and remains in effect.
- Action items for proposals:
  - NIH proposals: use **\$25K** subaward MTDC threshold (not \$50K)
  - All other sponsors: continue using **\$50K**
  - Equipment threshold of **\$10K** remains in place for all sponsors

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## NIH Update:

[NOT-OD-26-079](#) - Announcement of Upcoming System Enforcement of Common Forms and End of NIH's Leniency Period

- Use of the Common Forms for Biographical Sketch, Current and Pending (Other) Support, and NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement will be required for all application due dates and Just-In-Time (JIT), Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR), and Prior Approval submissions on or after May 8, 2026.
- April 22, 2026, SciENCv and eRA systems updated to allow entry of zero person months effort for Proposals/Active Projects and In-Kind Contributions on the Current and Pending (Other) Support Form.
- SciENCv will added Research Security Training (RST) Certification back to Common Forms to provide time to comply with the requirement for applications submitted for due dates on or after May 25, 2026

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## Updates to F&A Rate Guidance

The **off-campus rate** is applicable to all extramurally funded sponsored activities where the preponderance of University personnel's time and effort is conducted at a site that is not Northeastern owned or leased, and one of the following additional conditions is satisfied:

- **Directly charged space costs:** The cost of the leased or rented space is included as a direct cost in the project budget and is paid as a direct cost by the funding agency; **or**
- **Space is provided at no cost to the University:** An external source, such as the funding agency or other third party provides space for the sponsored activity at no charge to the University.

**Required documentation for condition B:** When the off-campus rate is applied under condition B (space provided at no cost), the basis for that determination must be documented in the ePAWS proposal record at the time the proposal is routed to NU-RES for review. Documentation may include a written rationale that identifies the performance site, describes the nature of the space arrangement, and confirms that the University bears no facility costs for that space. Supporting documentation from the third-party space provider, such as a letter of support, site agreement, or memorandum of understanding, must be included, and if not available, provide a justification.

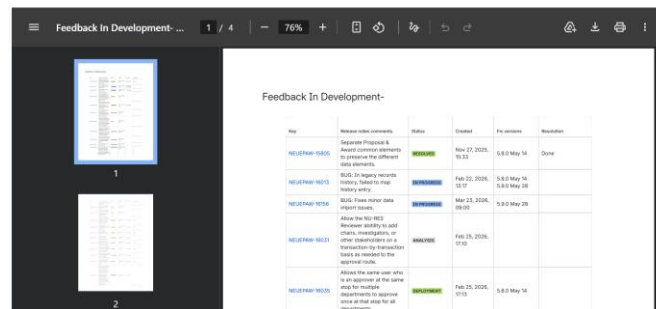
# Data/Systems Updates

- EPAWs Release coming Thursday 5/14
  - Mostly bug fixes and backend structural enhancements
  - **Search – All Record Statuses Now Visible:** Search results have been improved to remove internal status filtering, ensuring that all record statuses — including drafts and unfunded records — are visible when searching
  - Check the [website](#) for details

## Future Enhancements

NU-RES welcomes your feedback about how we can, together, improve ePAWs system.

See below the list of suggested improvements.



ID	Release notes comments	Status	Created	For release	Resolution
NEUPAW-10006	Separate Proposal & Award control elements @ Generalize the @Award data elements.	Done	May 07, 2025, 16:53	5.8.0 May 14	Done
NEUPAW-10010	BIDD: In legacy records history, added to map history entry.	In Progress	Feb 22, 2025, 15:57	5.8.0 May 14	5.8.0 May 28
NEUPAW-10014	BIDD: From history data import issues.	In Progress	Mar 25, 2025, 09:00	5.8.0 May 28	
NEUPAW-10011	Allow the @@-RES Reviewer ability to add other dependencies on a transaction by transaction basis as needed to the approval chain.	On Hold	Feb 05, 2025, 07:50		
NEUPAW-10015	Allow the same user who is in approval of the same step to multiple dependencies to approve one of that step for all departments.	On Hold	Feb 25, 2025, 07:50	5.8.0 May 14	

- EPAWs 1.0 retired for NU
  - 34 records remained in different states of workflow and must be rebuilt in ePAWs 2.0
  - 26 records (of the 34) have already been submitted to the SPONSOR
    - 19 from FY26
    - 5 from FY25
    - 2 from FY24
- Final import to ePAWs 2.0 of ePAWs 1.0 proposals that were completed between 2/13/26 - 5/8/26 is underway

# 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)
Completed ePAWs 1.0 Proposals were updated in the current Data Warehouse on 5/8/26 ( <b>deadline to complete ePAWs 1.0 proposals was 5-7-26</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 underway</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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- Staffing Updates
  - Erin Mossop, Research Finance Analyst
  - Matt Rogers, Sr. Post Award Administrator

# NU-RES Finance – Year End Memo

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## Accounting

Deadlines	Research Finance Deadline	Milestones/Activities
Thursday, July 09, 2026 (June Period Entries)	7/1/2026	Submit and approve all journals, including accounting adjustments and EIBs by the deadline.
Thursday, July 30, 2026 (FY26 year-end close)	7/23/2026	

## Payment Operations: Travel cards and out of pocket reimbursements

Deadlines	Research Finance Deadline	Milestones/Activities
Wednesday, July 08, 2026 (June Period Entries)	6/30/2026	Expense reports dated prior to June 30, 2026 (Out of pocket and corporate card transactions in Concur) must be approved by all parties by the year-end close in order to be posted in FY26.
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 (FY26 Year-end close)	7/22/2026	Any unapproved or unsubmitted expense reports will be accrued for by central accounting but will be recorded against your FY27 budget, so please submit expense reports timely before

## Payment Operations: P Cards

Deadlines	Research Finance Deadline	Milestones/Activities
Wednesday, July 08, 2026 (June Period Entries)	6/30/2026	Complete P Card reconciliation. The Procurement Card Transaction <b>must be dated FY26</b> .  <a href="#">P Card Reconciliation Job Aid</a>
Wednesday, July 29, 2026 (FY26 Year-end close)	7/22/2026	

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## P2P Procurement Operations

Deadlines	Research Finance Deadline	Milestones/Activities
Friday, May 29, 2026	5/29/26*  *Subrecipient POs that are not closed by the deadline will be requested to roll forward to FY27	Review Grants and Capital projects open POs to determine close vs roll forward. Submit PO Cancel/Close Requests for POs that should be closed and notify Procurement of any POs that need to roll forward.
Thursday, June 25, 2026	6/22/2026	Last day to submit FY26 purchase requests in order to provide Procurement sufficient time to process and complete all requests. (Requisitions, PO change orders, supplier contract).
Monday, June 26, 2026	6/22/2026	All match exceptions must be resolved and a change order must be submitted if needed. <a href="#">Supplier Invoice Match Exception</a>
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	6/22/2026	Purchases, requisitions, and PO change orders for new items must be fully approved by this date. Requisitions and Change Orders that are In Progress can be processed through this date and must be fully approved by close of business.
Tuesday, June 30, 2026	6/22/2026	Any requisitions with a request date prior to June 30, 2026 that is not transferred to a PO by this date will be canceled. (Requisition in draft and in progress status) <b>IMPORTANT NOTE:</b> A requisition to create a PO in FY26 for FY27 expenses must have a Request Date July 01, 2026. This date can be edited in the checkout screen of the requisition submission. Requisitions for FY27 expenses should be submitted separately from FY26 expenses unless the full amount is required to be paid in FY26. The prepaid requisition type must be selected for ANY FY27 Expenses requisition submitted in FY26, even if payment will not actually be made prior to June <a href="#">Create Requisition for a Non-Catalog item Job Aid</a>

# NU-RES Finance – Year End Memo

## Payroll: Salary Adjustments

Final FY26 Payroll Processing Dates	<b>Research Finance Deadline</b>	Bi-weekly Period June 14th - 27th, Pay Date July 2nd, Completed Tuesday June 30th (will post to FY26). Semi-Monthly Period June 15th – 30th, Pay Date June 30th. Completed Friday June 26th. <a href="#">FY27 Payroll Processing Schedule</a>
Thursday, June 18, 2026		Last day to submit a Payroll Costing Allocation (PCA) for FY26.
Friday June 26, 2026	<b>6/18/2026</b>	All FY26 PCA must be approved to flow to Payroll Accounting Adjustments (PAA) processors.
Thursday, July 30, 2026 (FY26 Year-end close)		All FY26 Payroll Accounting Adjustments must be approved by this date to make year-end close. <a href="#">Payroll Costing Allocation (PCA) and Payroll Accounting Adjustment (PAA) help articles can be accessed in AskFIN.</a> Overview Articles: <a href="#">Payroll Costing Allocation (PCA) Overview</a> <a href="#">Payroll Accounting Adjustment (PAA) Overview</a>

# Human Subject Payments Guidance

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Guidance document is coming, currently in draft and will be circulated among the ADRs for review/comments

- Emphasis on monthly reconciliation
- Preferred methods of procuring gift cards
- Difference between Subject Payment vs. Participant Support Cost
- IRS tax laws increased from \$600 to \$2,000 this year

## Preferred methods

1. Amazon Business- must be on a Pcard then reconciled, special set up needed with Procurement first, not through Intellibuy  
[https://service.northeastern.edu/finance?id=kb\\_article&sys\\_id=d4e74d1d470b36d421a92501e36d432d](https://service.northeastern.edu/finance?id=kb_article&sys_id=d4e74d1d470b36d421a92501e36d432d)
2. Blackhawk Networks- available through Intellibuy  
[https://service.northeastern.edu/finance?id=kb\\_article\\_view&sys\\_id=ed10b965c37c8f9cd3101c5ce001311c&table=kb\\_knowledge&searchTerm=black%20hawk](https://service.northeastern.edu/finance?id=kb_article_view&sys_id=ed10b965c37c8f9cd3101c5ce001311c&table=kb_knowledge&searchTerm=black%20hawk)
3. Prolific- guidance coming
4. Working with Treasury on a possible Zelle solution- stay tuned!

**\*\*Save on taxes and fees with these preferred vendors\*\***

# Workday Ticketing Systems

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- Finance Ticketing Systems (All Go to Finance ServiceNow Instance)
  - System Access Request
    - Covers Workday Finance, Intellibuy, and Banner Finance (Historical Data)
    - Example: new person on your team, submit a System Access Request to get them set up with the roles they need in Workday Finance
  - Other Finance Inquiries
    - Covers issues and enhancements for Finance systems
    - Examples: PCA error flagging, requesting cancel notifications be added to the Change Order BP
- Other Service Now Ticketing Systems (these do NOT connect to the Finance ticketing system, and tickets cannot be transferred to/from the Finance ticketing system to either of these systems):
  - HR/HRIT Ticket Systems – includes HR data reports, HR access roles (ex. NU Payroll Accounting Partner), etc.
  - nu-reshc@northeastern.edu – Research Admin Systems ticket (ePaws, eClaws, Coeus, etc.)

# NUFIN-RF000 Research Finance Report List

- New report available in Workday which lists out all the reports made specifically for grant management, along with a brief description.
- You can click on the report to run it direction from NUFIN-RF000

NUFIN-RF000 Research Finance Report List

Click on the Report Name to run it.

22 items

Report	Brief Description
<a href="#">NUFIN-RF001 All Grants Research Portfolio</a>	This report provides a listing of all grants/awards the user has access to in WD, includes various demographic data and the life-to-date (LTD) grant-level budget. Please note, this report does not include awards that have yet to start (preaward period awards).
<a href="#">NUFIN-RF002 Award Budget vs Actuals (Collapsible)</a>	This report is an ad-hoc filterable award/grant budget vs. actuals report (collapsible format, includes AR data), intended to be run on a life-to-date (LTD) basis. The summary-level data in this report viewable down to the spend category-level.
<a href="#">NUFIN-RF003 Research Expenditure Report</a>	This report shows expense transactions on grants based on selectable accounting dates and other prompts. This report is only intended to be run for FY26 and later transactions. Please note, payroll detail information is not included in this report.
<a href="#">NUFIN-RF004 Research Payroll Distribution Report</a>	This report shows payroll and fringe transactions on grants based on selectable accounting or budget dates and other prompts. This report is only intended to be run for payroll transactions that occurred after July 1, 2025.
<a href="#">NUFIN-RF005 Purchase Order for My Awards</a>	This report shows grant purchase order lines you have access to, as well as supplier invoices created off of them, filterable by grant hierarchy/cost center. This report is only intended to be run for FY26 and later purchase orders.

# NU-RES Compliance Updates

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- The Spring 2026 Edition of the NU-RESearch Quarterly Newsletter will be issued around June 1, 2026.
- The RCR 2025 – 2026 season has concluded. There will be a restructuring of educational offerings, including RCR, over the summer for AY 26 – 27. Updates to the NU-RES Compliance website will also be made.
- Development of a community survey to provide the RA community with an opportunity to submit ideas for educational offerings and resources.
- Upcoming Virtual Summer NU-RES Event on June 17 and 18!

Data through the research lifecycle: compliance, security & ethics

**DRAFT — Subject to change**

## PILLARS OF RESEARCH DATA

● Data Storage & Security

● Privacy & Contracting

● Ethics, IRB & AI

Three sessions run sequentially with 5-min breaks between each

10:00 AM

### Pillar 1 · Data storage & security

- Protecting against data breaches during active research
- Secure collaboration tools and data transfer security
- Special considerations for sensitive and human subjects data
- Data retention, archiving, and accessibility requirements
- Handling data when collaborators or team members leave

Presenters: Peter Fan (Research Data Services) · Joseph Cooke (Research Computing) · Bruce Waterbury (OIS – Cybersecurity)

10:30 AM · Break · 5 min

10:35 AM

### Pillar 2 · Privacy & contracting

- Export control considerations in data transfer and collaboration
- DOJ bulk data requirements and implementation
- Consolidated privacy guidelines
- Critical first steps: ServiceNow, eClaws, DUAs, and data governance
- Data use agreements and legal risks

Presenters: Alexis Goltra (OGC) · TBD (NU-RES Contracts) · Amanda Humphrey / Lissette Gilster (NU-RES Compliance)

11:05 AM · Break · 5 min

11:10 AM

### Pillar 3 · Ethics, IRB & AI

- Ethical frameworks for data use beyond regulatory compliance
- Consent and data sharing in the digital age
- AI tools and research ethics
- IRB considerations across research types

Presenters: Erik Williams (DHR) · TBD (EAI)

Data through the research lifecycle: compliance, security & ethics

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11:40 AM · Break · 15 min

11:55 AM

### Library support for proposal development

- DMSP consultations and library resources for researchers
- Data management and sharing plan (DMSP) requirements across sponsors
- Data management support services at the proposal stage
- Tools and templates for data planning
- Integrating data management into your research workflow

*Presenters: Jen Ferguson (Library)*

12:40 PM · Break · 10 min

12:50 PM

### “It depends!” — building data literacy as a shared language for research analytics

- How “it depends” thinking shapes data literacy in research administration
- Building shared language across roles for interpreting research analytics
- Practical frameworks for data-informed decision making in research operations

*Presenters: Laura Beaupre (NU-RES Data)*

Ends 1:50 PM

## Research operations &amp; leadership

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10:00 AM

**Global research network**

- International collaboration frameworks and partnership development
- Navigating research administration across global campuses
- Supporting faculty and researchers engaged in international research activities

Presenters: Eva Pasadas (NU-RES) · Alice Caryer (NU London)

10:45 AM · Break · 10 min

10:55 AM

**Contracts workshop**

- Scenario 1: Industry-sponsored research agreement — key terms, red flags, redline comparisons
- Scenario 2: Outgoing subaward — Faculty-focused process/sub monitoring overview, common issues & resolutions
- Scenario 3: NDA/MTA processing — quick-turn agreements and complexities to consider
- What the contracts team looks for when reviewing eClaws records

Presenters: Brooks Hill-Wilton (NU-RES Contracts) · Nancy Bynoe (NU-RES Subawards)

11:55 AM · Break · 10 min

12:05 PM

**Lifecycle case study**

- Grant lifecycle walkthrough from proposal to closeout — practical application and real-world complexities

Presenters: NU-RES

12:50 PM

**TBD Session**

- Topic TBD — Q&A with RA/DOS/RF subject matter experts

Presenters: RA/DOS/RF speakers (TBD)

1:35 PM · Break · 10 min

1:45 PM

**Strategic initiatives: NU-RES year in review & looking ahead**

- Fiscal year in review: key accomplishments and milestones across NU-RES
- Looking ahead: priorities and initiatives for the coming year
- Navigating change and building organizational resilience
- Open Q&A with senior leadership

Presenters: NU-RES Senior Leadership

Ends 2:45 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!

Have a great summer!

See you in September!

