

Research Administration Community Update

September 15, 2026



**Northeastern
University**

Agenda

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

NU-RES Admin Updates

NIH Update:

- [NOT-OD-26-098](#): NIH Updates to Career Development (K) Award Programs
 - Consolidating individual K NOFOs. (see crosswalk table in notice)
 - Eliminating the requirement for data management and sharing (DMS) plans on Ks.
 - Clarifying allowable uses of K award funds for clinical trial research activities.
 - NIH will no longer support 'Independent Clinical Trial Required' K award NOFOs.
 - K award funds may not be used to support the conduct of a clinical trial, clinical trial feasibility study, or ancillary study to an existing clinical trial.
 - K awardees may gain clinical trial experience by participating in a trial led by a mentor or co-mentor.
 - K awardees who wish to lead a clinical trial as PI must secure separate funding (e.g., institutional, philanthropic, or other grant awards) to support those activities.

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NIH Update:

- FY27 NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Program (LRP): Now Accepting Applications

- Application cycle opened on September 1, 2026, and closes November 19, 2026
- Technical assistance webinar – October 6, 2pm-3:30pm ET
- Eligibility
 - U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or permanent U.S. resident by the award start date
 - Possess an M.D., Ph.D., Pharm.D., Psy.D., D.O., D.D.S., D.M.D., D.P.M., D.C., N.D., O.D., D.V.M., or equivalent doctoral degree from an accredited institution.
 - Total qualified educational debt equal to or more than 20 percent of your institutional base salary at the time of award.
 - Agree to engage in & conduct at least 20-hours per week of research that is not prohibited by Federal law, regulations, or policies of the HHS or NIH.
- ePAWS proposal not needed.
- List Michael Marino as Business Official in LRP application.

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NIH Update:

- [NOT-OD-26-094](#): NIH Is Replacing Letters of Support with Letters of Collaboration to Reduce Administrative Burden - *slide 1 of 2*

- With the implementation of Forms J in FY27, NIH will no longer allow letters of support but instead require letters of collaboration to document any collaborative relationships with individuals not identified in the application as senior/key personnel or other significant contributors.
 - When Forms J are implemented, applicants should disregard any NOFO-specific instructions regarding content pertaining to Letters of Support.
- Letters of collaboration will also be used to document other relevant contributions to the project's success, such as Material Transfer Agreements.
- Letters designed to endorse the application without an intent to collaborate or provide material support will no longer be permitted in NIH grant applications.

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NIH Update:

- [NOT-OD-26-094](#): NIH Is Replacing Letters of Support with Letters of Collaboration to Reduce Administrative Burden - *slide 2 of 2*

- An individual letter of collaboration must not exceed 100 words.
- NIH encourages applicants to use the following single-sentence format for letters of collaboration.
 - For all applications except for fellowships: "If the application submitted by [Organization Name and with PD/PI Name] as Program Director/Principal Investigator entitled [Grant Application Title] is selected for funding by NIH, it is my intent to collaborate and/or commit resources as detailed in the application."

NU-RES Admin Updates

NU-RES Process Changes:

- IBS (Institutional Base Salary) Verification

- NU-RES Research Administration (RA) will no longer verify IBS at the award stage.
- Departments are responsible for using current IBS in proposals. RA will continue to verify IBS at the proposal stage; provided review time allows.
- NU-RES Research Finance (RF). Reviews PI salary/effort at the transaction level to verify that the salary is reasonable, allocable, and allowable onto the award based upon what was originally budgeted.

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NU-RES Process Changes:

- AOS Budget at Award Stage (slide 1 of 3)

- Budget requests to departments now depend on whether the award amount matches the proposal/JIT budget, and/or the budget is incorporated in the NOA.
- There are three possible scenarios:
 - Scenario 1 — Budget matching the obligation amount is part of the NOA/agreement (e.g., NIH award):
 - RF does not need a separate budget for setup.
 - RA will not request a budget from the department.
 - Scenario 2 — No budget attached to the agreement, but the obligation amount matches the budget in the proposal (e.g. Year 1 obligation amount is \$450,000, year 1 proposal budget is for \$450,000):
 - RA will send the proposal budget to RF along with the agreement.
 - The department does not need to complete a separate budget template.

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NU-RES Process Changes:

- AOS Budget at Award Stage (slide 2 of 3)

- Scenario 3 — Obligation amount differs from the budget in the proposal (e.g. Year 1 obligation amount is \$400,000 but year 1 proposal budget is for \$450,000):
 - RA will request an updated budget from the department.
 - NU-RES or department budget templates are acceptable, as long as they can be easily translated to Workday codes.
 - RF will wait to receive the completed budget from the department before setting up the award.

NU-RES Admin Updates

NU-RES Process Changes:

- AOS Budget at Award Stage (slide 3 of 3)

- In addition to these scenarios, departments should provide a more detailed budget — still at the categorical summary level — when the award involves things like:
 - More than one GR#
 - Multiple subawards
 - Any impact to IDC (indirect cost) recovery
- These situations require additional detail so the budget can be set up correctly, even if the overall award amount hasn't changed.
- Departments are responsible for notifying RA whenever a budget or effort change requiring funding agency prior approval is anticipated, so we can work with the department to obtain approval from the funding agency before the change is made.

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Other Updates/News:

- ECLAWS/ePAWS
 - Check Sub-Statuses for latest updates.
 - Upload all relevant documents, notes, emails, and comments.
 - Especially important for expedited review requests and if external signing platform used (DocuSign, AdobeSign, etc.)
- Steven Dorsey promoted to Grants and Contracts Officer.

Data/Systems Updates

- Welcome new student **Naman Jain** to the Data/Ops/Systems Team as a Data Analyst
 - Naman will cross-train with Gargi, who is graduating in December
- Welcome back – Data Analyst **Paritosh Vyawahare** (temp)
- We're hiring – **Senior Data Analyst**
 - >1,000 applications were received
 - 1st interviews conclude, 2nd interviews commence this week

Data/Systems Updates

- ePAWs 2.0
 - 7 months in use – continuing to refine/redesign the relationship between Proposals/Awards (1:1 to a 1:many relationship)
 - Data review and realigning with 1:many relationship model
 - Simplified Award view redesign ongoing (12 tickets left to complete)
 - Original developer off-boarded 7/31; new team resetting process, tools, etc.
 - Completed 3 integrations over the summer between ePAWs and Workday
 - Workday hierarchy changes to ePAWs
 - ePAWs draft new/renewal awards in Workday
 - Workday AWD/GR number to ePAWs award
 - Next up: Service Now (SNOW) API integration with ePAWs for Conflict of Interest Management Avoidance Plan (CMAP)
 - Will automatically bring in ePAWs active awards/pending proposals to an investigators CMAP in SNOW
- New Webpage for CRA training materials
 - Website page <https://res.research.northeastern.edu/all-resources/training-2/cra-exam-preparation/>
 - New AI prompt to help you study is being tested

Reports Update

- Proposals and awards involve distinct data models in Cognos
- Proposals reports updated, data from ePAWs
 - Check for **ePAWs** in report name
- Awards reports testing/development, data validation underway
 - Reports developed by Business Intelligence (BI) team
 - NU-RES Data team / BI team collaboration to test reports and validate data
 - Priority reports for senior leadership
- College Transactions Dashboards
- Ad hoc requests

Proposal Reports Available

- RSRCH0001 (ePAWs) - Multi-Year Proposal Report
- RSRCH0003 (ePAWs) - Proposal Details Report
- RSRCH0004 (ePAWs) - College Proposal Summary Reports
- RSRCH0008 (ePAWs) - Count of Proposal Share Submitted by College
- RSRCH0009 (ePAWs) - Dollars Requested in Proposals by College
- RSRCH0010 (ePAWs) - Proposal Totals YTD
- RSRCH0017 (ePAWs) - Proposals by Lead PI
- RSRCH0018 (ePAWs) - Collaboration Summary Report/Proposals
- RSRCH0019 (ePAWs) - Collaboration Detail Report/Proposals

Awards Reports – Collaborative Testing

- Several **Awards Reports** will soon be live in Cognos, but they have not yet been fully verified
- So as not to delay the launch further, we are planning to launch Award Reports *AS IS* into Cognos Production, and need help reviewing your college's data to identify any remaining issues and assist with data quality review
- Stay tuned for an invitation to participate in this testing, along with instructions for reporting data discrepancies

NU-RES Finance

Staffing Updates

- **Welcome!**
 - David Barnett - providing interim support for Fiorella and Stanlyann
 - Emily Wensberg - Research Finance Analyst
- **Congratulations!**
 - Sami Reed - Associate Director, Research Cash Operations

Tuition on Grants

- Only those awards that had a proposal submitted after January 1, 2026 will be included in the analysis done by RF.
- Tuition on grants outside of this population will continue to be performed by the college administrators.
- Tuition costs will be allocated based on the level of effort the SGA is providing to that grant.
- Charging tuition on grants will begin for the SGAs charged on grants for September and performed monthly going forward.
- Learn more session to come.

Special Condition for Tuition

AWDXXXX

(version 0)



Sponsor Award Reference Number

Sponsor

[National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#)

Sponsor Direct
Cost / Sponsor
Facilities And
Administration

45,000.00 / 5,000.00

Award Contract
Dates

08/15/2026 - 07/31/2027

Assistance Listing

[47.084 - NSF Technology, Innovation, and Partnerships](#)

[Overview](#)

[Award Lines](#)

[Budget](#)

[Award Tasks](#)

[Billing & Receivables](#)

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[Special Conditions](#)

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Special Conditions 2 items



Special Condition Type

Comment

[Proposal After 1/1/2026](#)

Tuition Policy Applicable

[Carry-forward - Automatic](#)

Payroll Certification

- Payroll certifications for FY26 were sent out yesterday to the departments sorted by cost center
- If any additional PCA/PAA's are needed, please submit ASAP. When submitting a Payroll Certification that has revisions, please write in those changes on the line and attach the PCA or payroll report to the effort certification.
- Please have PI's review and sign each PDF and return to RF-Payroll@northeastern.edu or drop the files into your college's SharePoint Folder on OneDrive.
- Please return all Payroll Certifications to our office no later than 10/23/26.
- [Link to Payroll Certification Process](#)

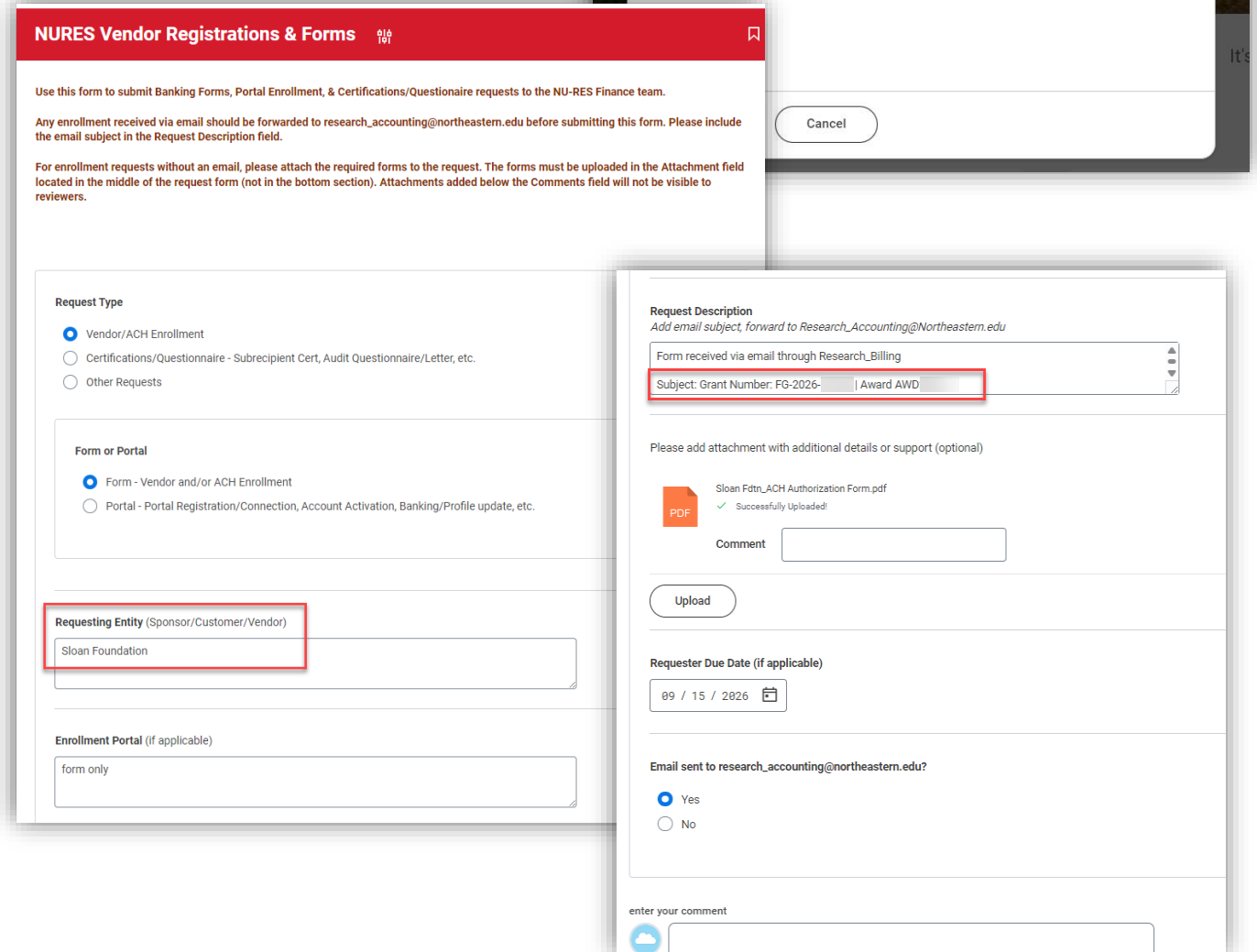
NEW Workday Request Form

Request Type:

NURES Vendor Registrations & Forms

Use for:

- ACH Enrollment / Bank Forms
- Vendor/Supplier registrations / Portal connections
- Certifications, Audit/Financial System Assessment Questionnaires, Other
- If request is received via email, forward to Research_Accounting@Northeastern.edu, include email subject in WD Request Description
- Attach required forms to request
- WD Requests route to Research Cash Team for completion. Submitter is notified when completed



The image shows a screenshot of the 'NURES Vendor Registrations & Forms' request form in Workday. The form is titled 'NURES Vendor Registrations & Forms' and includes instructions for submitting requests. The 'Request Type' section has three options: 'Vendor/ACH Enrollment' (selected), 'Certifications/Questionnaire - Subrecipient Cert, Audit Questionnaire/Letter, etc.', and 'Other Requests'. The 'Form or Portal' section has two options: 'Form - Vendor and/or ACH Enrollment' (selected) and 'Portal - Portal Registration/Connection, Account Activation, Banking/Profile update, etc.'. The 'Requesting Entity (Sponsor/Customer/Vendor)' field is populated with 'Sloan Foundation'. The 'Enrollment Portal (if applicable)' field is set to 'form only'. The 'Request Description' section includes a text area for the email subject, which is populated with 'Form received via email through Research_Billing' and 'Subject: Grant Number: FG-2026- | Award AWD'. A PDF attachment 'Sloan Fdtn_ACH Authorization Form.pdf' is shown as 'Successfully Uploaded'. The 'Requester Due Date (if applicable)' is set to '09 / 15 / 2026'. The 'Email sent to research_accounting@northeastern.edu?' section has 'Yes' selected. The form also includes a 'Cancel' button and an 'Upload' button.

NU-RES Compliance Updates

- Research Security Training
 - Annual refresher (30 mins)
 - Award set up will not proceed until required personnel have completed the training
 - Will be required annually
 - Expect that we will be enforcing compliance at the time of proposal submission by end of the AY
- Policy briefing on 9/17 by Jeff and Amanda focused on what faculty need to know
- 9/17 RS 101 NCURA Webinar focused on what RAs need to know

NU-RES Compliance Updates

- Research Data Classifications are live!
- Speaking of live:
 - HIPAA Compliant RedCap
 - A test process for validating research data storage locations
- The Research Compliance share point is becoming a hub for information including the NSF SECURE Center's Authorship tools

NU-RES Compliance Updates

- **Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Program for AY 2026–2027 is now live** — a redesigned, streamlined curriculum of 8 live sessions (in-person and virtual)
- Covers foundational and advanced topics: authorship & publication, team leadership, data privacy & AI, human subjects research, grant financial management, research security, and more
- First in-person session, "**Cultivating Strong Research Teams**," is Thursday, September 24, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM at Curry Student Center, Room 346
- Full schedule, session details, and registration available on the [RCR Program website](#)
- Encourage sharing with your research communities, especially grad students, postdocs, and early-career faculty

Upcoming Events

- 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.
- **Federal Landscape Update: Research Security, Uniform Guidance, and Policy Changes at Northeastern**
 - Thursday, September 17, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST
 - [Calendar Link](#)
- **NCURA Free Webinar: Research Security 101 Across the Lifecycle**
 - Thursday, September 17 at 2:00 PM EST
 - [Calendar Link](#)

Upcoming Events

- **RCR and Research Education In-Person Workshop: Cultivating Strong Research Teams**
 - Thursday, September 24, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
 - Boston campus, Curry Student Center, Room #346
 - [Calendar Link](#)
- **NCURA Free Webinar: Service Centers: Navigating Challenges, Identifying Opportunities, and Sharing Best Practices**
 - Thursday, October 1, at 2:00 PM EST
 - [Calendar Link](#)
- **RCR and Research Education In-Person Workshop: Authorship, Publication, and Peer Review**
 - Wednesday, October 7, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
 - Details TBD

Upcoming Events

- **RCR and Research Education Workshop: Advanced Considerations for Human Subject Research (Virtual)**
 - Wednesday, October 14, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
 - [Calendar Link](#)
- **RCR and Research Education Workshop: Data Management & Privacy in the Age of AI (Virtual)**
 - Wednesday, October 21, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
 - [Calendar Link](#)
- **Rules of the Road: A Field Guide to AI in Proposal Development**
 - Hosted by Research Development
 - Wednesday, October 28, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
 - [Registration Link](#)

Open Invitation to the Research Administration Community



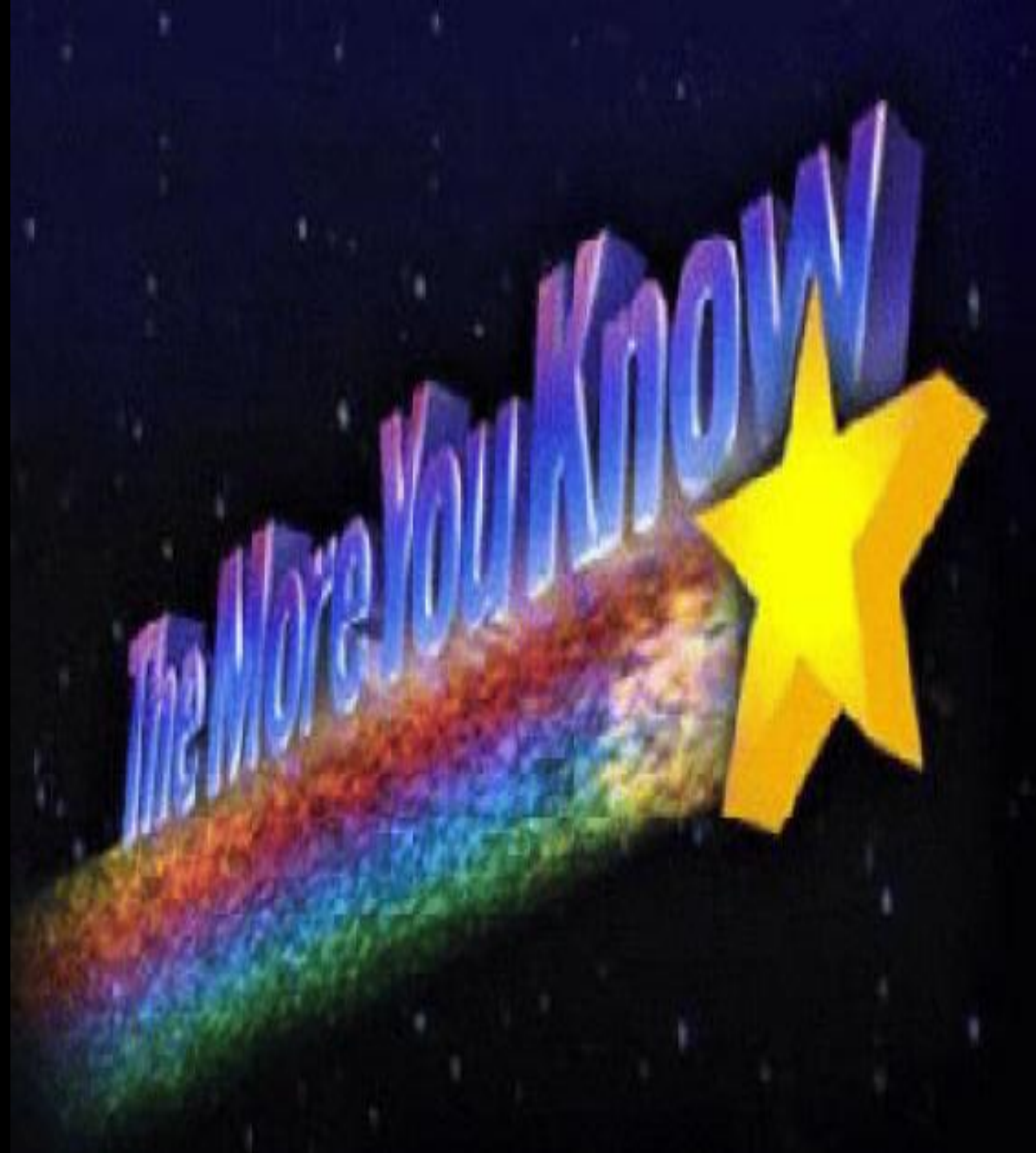
Everyone in the research administration community is welcome and invited to announce anything to the community from their college or department



Feel free to reach out to Morgan Fielding to work on including your announcement in these monthly meetings



Lets all keep building this amazing community!



NU-RES and You!

Thank You!

See you in October!

