

RESEARCH REPORT

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ORSP Launches New Website

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) is excited to announce the launch of our new [website](#)!

After months of working with the DU Marketing & Communications team and the different areas of ORSP, it is live and ready for use. Within the new website, you'll find information related to Sponsored Programs Administration, Research Integrity and Education, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer, Export Control, and much more.

If you have any questions or comments about the website, please contact orspadmin@du.edu.

CHECK IT OUT

GRANT PODCAST

All About Grants:
"Early Stage Investigator
Policy and Extensions"

[Part 1: The Policy](#)

(6 min listen)

[Part 2: Extensions](#)

(9 min listen)

Are you coming to the end of your research training and thinking about next steps, wondering what it means to be an "early stage investigator (ESI)"? Maybe you already know you are an ESI, but want to know what it means for your application. Perhaps the pandemic or another major life event affected your research progress and you want to know more about how to extend your ESI status?

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW FACULTY SESSION: FINDING FUNDING

Thursday, February 24

1 - 2:30 pm

Zoom link:

<https://udenver.zoom.us/j/83757804444>

An opportunity for faculty members new and not-so-new to learn about options for finding funding.

ERA UPDATE

This quarter, ORSP will begin its rollout of the Financial Tracking (FT) module in eRA. FT is fully integrated with Banner and will enable users to track their budgeted and expended dollars. This module will also provide a Soft Encumbrance tool that will assist administrators and PIs in monitoring financial commitments that are not encumbered in Banner. Phased rollout to departments is set to begin in February and will continue through FY 22.

Fund Balance

Sponsored Programs often receives questions regarding available grant fund balances – budget vs. expenditures and commitments. FT will enable administrators and PIs to view an account level summary including detailed information regarding budgets, expenditures, and commitments.

Soft Encumbrance

The Soft Encumbrance feature shows anticipated expenses not yet posted in Banner. Soft Encumbrances are automatically generated by the operating budget in FT. Users will have the capability to adjust these pre-generated Soft Encumbrances and see a balance with consideration of anticipated expenditures. This tool exists only in eRA.

The project implementation team will reach out to departments regarding further details and timeframes for phased deployment/training in the upcoming weeks. In the meantime, if you have further questions, please email pioneerera@du.edu.

GET TO KNOW ORSP

It's been a while since we've all been truly face to face. Each issue, The Research Report will feature one of the staff members in ORSP. Get to know us and say hello!

Hi! My name is Claire Land.

What I do for ORSP. I am a Business Coordinator for the ORSP team.

How I can help you. I am here to answer all your ORSP related questions. If I don't know the answer, I will help you find it. You can contact me at claire.land@du.edu or orspadmin@du.edu. You can call me at (303)871-4043.

My favorite place on campus is right now, it's the Spit Lab!

My favorite restaurant is ... I love all things Mexican food (especially guacamole)!

A little known fact about me. I love gardening and am currently in training to become a Colorado Master Gardener.

I love working in ORSP because of the people! Since joining the ORSP team, I have been blown away by the welcoming and inclusive atmosphere. I look forward to coming to work every day.



UPDATES & REFRESHERS



2022 RESEARCH FCOI DISCLOSURES

Each year, investigators who have been awarded funding from a federal agency to support their research are required, per NIH Policy, to submit an annual research conflict of interest disclosure and maintain valid Conflict of Interest training. The 2022 FCOI disclosure form is available online through the following link: [2022 Research FCOI Disclosure](#). Additional information about the NIH and DU COI policies and the mandatory training requirements for all DU-affiliated, federally funded investigators are provided on the Research Integrity & Education [website](#).

Do I need to complete the 2022 disclosure if I completed a disclosure in December 2021?

Yes, the NIH Policy requires that all investigators who receive federal funding for their research must complete an annual disclosure each calendar year. Any investigator who completed a disclosure in 2021, and continues to receive federal funding during 2022, must complete another disclosure.

What do I do if I receive new federal funding during 2022 calendar year? Do I need to fill out another disclosure form if I have already completed one previously in 2022?

Yes, investigators who receive any new funding during 2022 for a new research project, must submit a separate and new disclosure for that project.

What happens after I complete the Research FCOI disclosure online?

Each disclosure will be reviewed to determine whether a potential financial conflict of interest has been declared and will confirm the required COI training is valid.

- If no FCOI has been declared and the training is valid, a certificate of completion will be issued to the investigator and a copy will be securely stored in a password protected ORSP database. Only ORSP personnel have access to the database.
- If an FCOI is declared on the disclosure, an FCOI sub-committee will review and make recommendations to manage the potential FCOI. Correspondence will be sent directly to the investigator on any management plan that may need to be implemented.
- If the required COI training has not been completed or is no longer valid, the investigator will be contacted directly to complete the training and the ORSP database will reflect that the investigator is not compliant with the NIH Policy requirements.
- How do I complete the required Research Conflicts of Interest (COI) training?
 - DU uses the [Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative \(CITI\) Program](#) to offer the required training for all affiliated investigators who need to fulfill this mandatory training. All successfully completed COI training through the CITI Program is valid for four years.
- How can I check if my COI training is still valid?
 - Log into your [CITI training profile](#), go to My Courses for the University of Denver, select Learner Tools/View Previously Completed Coursework. If you have questions about your training profile, contact the Office of Research Integrity & Education at 303-871-2121.

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IMPROVING COMPLIANCE WITH NSF PROJECT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The NSF requires project reports for all assistance awards. Principal Investigators (PIs) must submit final project reports within 120 days after the award end date and annual project reports prior to the annual performance period end date. While 90% of PIs are fully meeting their reporting requirements, 10% fail to provide these reports on a timely basis. Project reports demonstrate result-oriented accountability for grants, enhance stewardship, and ensure that the American people are receiving value for funds spent on grant programs.

To continue reading the announcement, click [here](#).



STAT CONFERENCE 2022

The Seeking Tomorrow's Answers Together (STAT) conference hosted experts from around the country in a virtual conference exploring the impacts of COVID-19 on all aspects of life on Jan. 26. Sessions addressed what researchers and clinicians understand to be the present impact of COVID on people, mental health, relationships and workplaces.

The event's keynote speaker, Hilary A. Smith, Associate Professor of History and Director of the Asian Studies Program at the University of Denver, shared what past pandemics can teach us about future endemics. Dr. Smith was joined by speakers from Harvard Medical School, the American Psychological Association, National Jewish Health, and many more.

Read more about the conference [here](#) and watch a recording on [YouTube](#).

TIP OF THE MONTH: HELPFUL VIDEOS

NIH YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Are you preparing an NIH grant proposal? Want to learn more about the peer review process? Need insight into eRA systems? Other questions on NIH? Check out the [NIH YouTube channel](#)! This channel contains tons of helpful videos on topics such as the Grants Process, Grant Writing, Advice for New and Early Career Investigators, NIH Policy and Compliance, and Peer Review. New videos are posted weekly, so check back frequently for content that may interest you!

ORSP'S NEW FACULTY PRESENTATION

Each year, ORSP hosts an information session for new (and not-so-new) faculty at DU regarding research at the University. This year's session was led by Senior Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education Corinne Lengsfeld. The video can be viewed [here](#) for your convenience.

DID YOU KNOW?

Both ORSP and Dr. Corinne Lengsfeld are on Twitter? Follow us!

ORSP: @ORSP_DU

Dr. Lengsfeld: @C_Lengsfeld



New DU Institutional Review Board Chair Announced

Please join us in welcoming Jennifer Bellamy, PhD, to the new Institutional Review Board (IRB) Chair. Jenn also serves as a professor and the associate dean of research with the Graduate School of Social Work.

Jenn joined DU in 2014 and focuses her research in the areas of father engagement in child and family services, child maltreatment prevention, implementation of evidence-based practice, and child welfare. You can read more about Jenn on the GSSW [website](#).

She will begin her role as the new IRB Chair Feb. 1.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to ORSP's Megan Whitman, Senior Grant and Contract Administrator who is now a Certified Research Administrator (CRA) through the Research Administrators Certification Council (RACC). The Research Administrators Certification Council was formed in 1993 as an independent non-profit organization. The Council is composed of active certified research administrators whose role is to certify that an individual, through experience and testing, has the fundamental knowledge necessary to be a professional research or sponsored programs administrator.



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