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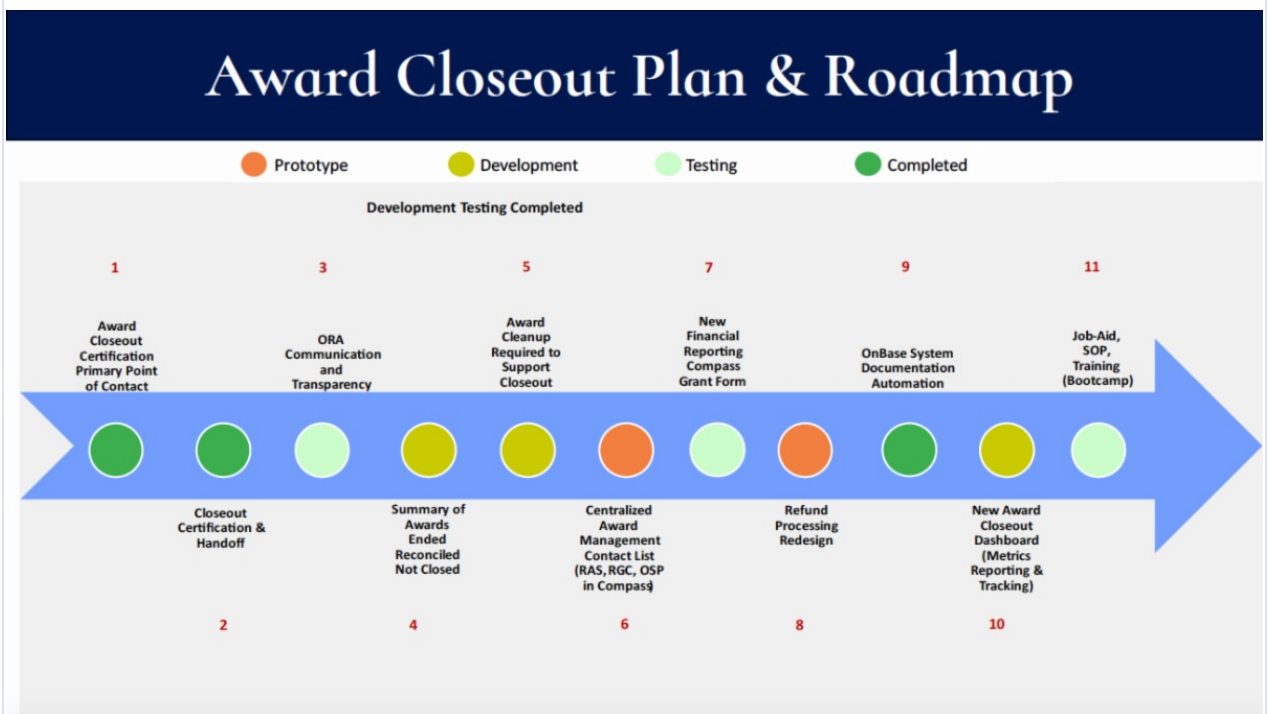
Dear Emory Research Community,

As we conclude another phenomenal academic year at Emory University, I am thrilled to share that we are approaching yet another record-breaking year in research grants and awards. As of April 2024, we have exceeded $632 million in research award, up 8% compared to this time last year. Your hard work continues to elevate Emory's research profile and impact, and for that, you deserve the best research administration services, and we are striving to grow with you, increase our impact, and deliver excellence.

As we head into our summer months, I am excited to announce the selection of our new comprehensive research administration system.

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Featured Highlights

Emory's Award Closeout Plan and Roadmap

Author: Patrick Amihere, Associate Director of Closeout, RGC

In recent years, our institution has had significant challenges to ensure proper, timely, and effective award closeouts for all sponsored awards, therefore, it is not a surprise that the immediate improvement of an effective award closeout business process is the university's No. 1 priority. These improvements also provide a vehicle to contribute to advancing Emory's research national rankings and better position our future funding opportunities within the higher education industry nationwide.

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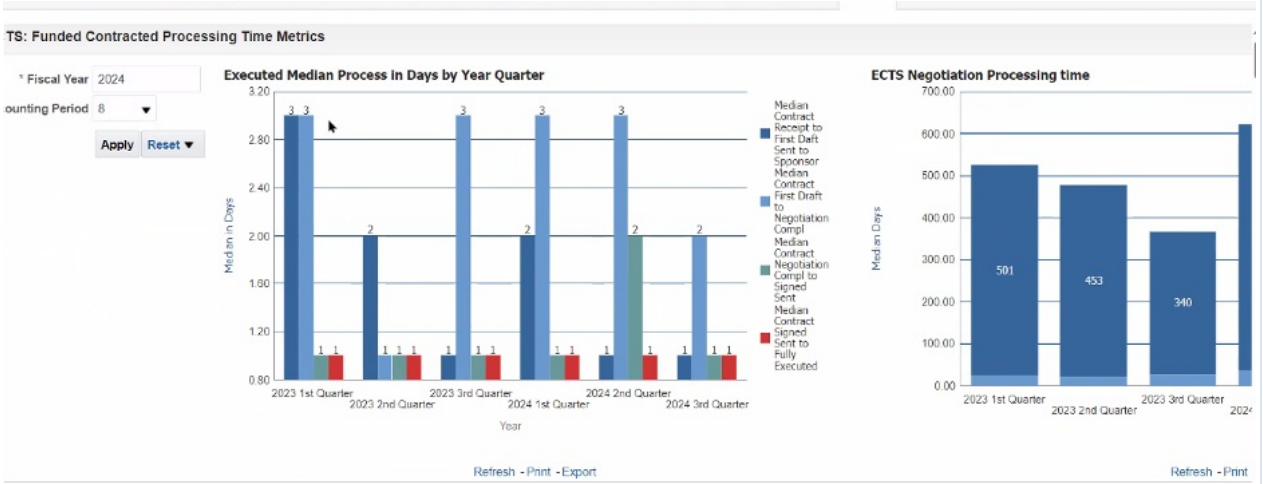
2024 Research Administration Dragon Service Awards

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On April 29, 2024, the Office of ResearchAdministration (ORA) held the fifth Research Administration Dragon Service Awards. This is part of an ongoing commitment to recognize and celebrate the contributions and achievements of ResearchAdministration's staff and members of the Faculty/Research community who demonstrate outstanding partnership with ResearchAdministration. The winners of this year's awards were nominated by their peers and faculty partners of Research Administration and are highlighted below.

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Contracting Updates: Contracts Dashboard Overview, Progress & Plans

Authors: Janette Hannam Hayes, Director, OSP Contracts; Sharon Jones, Interim Director, SOT; Valeria Rainey, Strategic Operations Associate, SOT; Jennifer Gore, Assistant Director, RDA

Intent, History and Launch of a Dashboard:
OSP continues to prioritize improving the contracting process to foster better internal reporting, better communication, and more transparency with the research community. With that in mind, the OSP Contracts Group partnered with ORA Research Data Analytics (RDA) and the ORA Strategic Operations and Training team (SOT) to develop the OSP Contracts Dashboard. The Contracts Dashboard is a database platform built within EBI that pulls data from the electronic Contracts Tracking System (ECTS) and Compass to provide the ability to generate robust contracts data to the Research Community.

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Emory University's Office of Research Administration Selected as Mentors for Innovative Research Analytics Program

Research Analytics Research Program

Leading the way in data-driven research administration, Emory mentors join a nationwide initiative to elevate analytics expertise.

Emory University's Office of Research Administration (ORA) proudly announces that two distinguished staff members, Lisa Wilson and Alex Wagner, have been selected as mentors for the Research Analytics Mentorship Program (RAMP). This innovative initiative, sponsored by the University of Kentucky and funded by the National Science Foundation's (NSF) GRANTED Award, is designed to enhance the skills and capabilities of research administrators across various institutions in data analytics.

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Federal Agency Updates

NIH Boosts Pay for Postdocs and Graduate Students

The U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced pay increases today for early-career scientists who are recipients of its Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSAs), after an NIH advisory group recommended raises in December 2023. Postdocs will now be paid at least $61,008, an increase of $4500 over their current minimum salary level—though still below the advisory group's recommendation of $70,000. Graduate students will receive a $1000 raise, bringing their minimum to $28,224. NIH also announced a $500 increase in child care subsidies for early-career researchers who are parents.

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NSF Common Forms

NSF National Science Foundation

Information sourced by Tricia Callahan, Interim Director, Research Training

NSF is pleased to announce that the NSTC-approved Common Forms for the Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support, which are compliant with the new NSF *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) (NSF 24-1), are now available in SciENcv. These revised formats will be required for proposals submitted or due on or after May 20, 2024. While these revised formats cannot be uploaded to Research.gov or Grants.gov until May 20, 2024, NSF encourages proposers to become familiar with them in preparation for proposal submission in May.

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NSF 24-1 Proposal and Award Policy and Procedure Guide (PAPPG) Updates

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The NSF 2024 PAPPG and its updated guidelines go into effect for all proposals with due dates on or after May 20, 2024. *If you submit a proposal before May 20, 2024, that has a due date on or after May 20, 2024, you will need to follow the new guidance.*
Below is an outline of some of the most significant changes as noted on the NSF Policy website.

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Department Updates

Environmental Health and Safety Office

World Health Organization SARS-CoV-2 Guidance – Biosafety Updates

The World Health Organization recently published interim guidance on laboratory biosafety related to SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) which includes updated recommendations for research and shipping procedures and reflects the latest SARS-CoV-2 scientific knowledge. Topics discussed are risk assessments, routine laboratory procedures, viral isolation and propagation, disinfectants, and waste management.

World Health Organization

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Institutional Review Board

IRB Monthly Webinar June 13: *External Collaborators*

On Thursday June 13 at noon, tune in to hear about adding external collaborators to your IRB submissions. Our IRB Reliance Team will present on when, and how, our IRB can provide oversight for those external collaborators.

See our **Webinars page** closer to that date to join via Zoom!

Office of Research Development

$1.5B in Medical Research Funding Available via Congressionally Directed Programs

In fiscal year 2024 Congress appropriated $1.5B for 35 programs covering 90 research topic areas through the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRP). The CDMRP fills research gaps by funding high impact, high risk and high gain projects that other agencies may not venture to fund.

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Opportunity to Present at the ARPA-H Customer Experience (CX) Hub

The Advanced Research Project Agency for Health (ARPA-H) Customer Experience (CX) Hub invites member organizations to present their current capabilities, strengths/highlights, and teaming desires during virtual, all-Hub networking meetings. Learn how to take advantage of this opportunity by connecting with the Office of Research Development.

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Office of Technology Transfer

UPDATE (May 2024): OTT Plans to Introduce New and Improved Process for Outgoing Low-Risk DUAs

Update (May 2024): We're live!
The guidance page for the new process is now live on the OTT website. Here, we list criteria for low-risk DUAs, answer FAQs about the process, and provide preapproved DUA templates. Also, the DUA Training for PIs is now on Brainier, and it will take fewer than 30 minutes to complete. Only PIs are eligible for the training and to submit attestations.

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Research Compliance & Regulatory Affairs

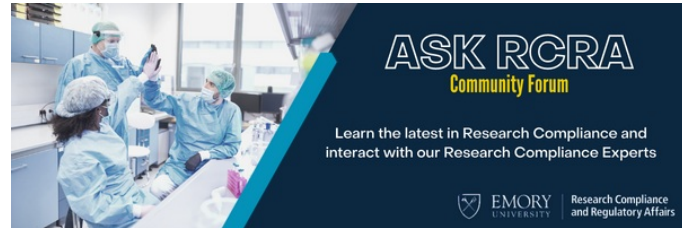### Emory International Travel Loaner Laptop Program

International travel poses security risks to research data stored on computers and mobile devices. To mitigate these risks, Emory University has established the International Travel Loaner Devices Program, which provides loaner laptops for travelers giving priority for travel to high-risk destinations.

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"Ask RCRA" Will Return in August

"Ask RCRA" will be on hiatus for June and July, but will be back **August 15th** to bring you more important research compliance information, including regulatory updates and institutional changes in policies and procedures.

*** Take the survey and let us know about research compliance topics you'd like to see when we return!
- Ask RCRA Feedback Survey ***

Faculty Feedback Form

Do you have feedback in reference with Research Administration? We would love to hear from you.

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