RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2024 UPDATE

EMORY UNIVERSITY | Research Administration

Message from VPRA, Dr. Robert Nobles

Hello from the Office of Research Administration! Great things are happening in ORA and we are excited to share with you some of the initiatives, strategic actions, and plans for the 2025 fiscal year.

Please take a few minutes to watch this special video message from Dr. Robert Nobles. As always, thank you for your ongoing commitment to research excellence and partnership!

Mark Your Calendar! Research Administration Townhall Meeting with the VPRA

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Chief Implementation Officer, GMS
Executive Associate Dean of Administration & Finance
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Wednesday, October 23, 2024

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET

Event Description: The Office for Research Administration's VPRA is hosting Research Administration's 2024 Townhall meeting. This meeting will be split to share ORA Updates (FY24 progress and FY25 strategic focus) and a Grants Management System (GMS) Update and Demo.

Advance Questions: You may post questions in advance via **Qualtrics** until 4 PM, **Tuesday, October 22nd**.

We will address submitted questions during the meeting. You will also have a chance to submit questions during the live meeting.

Audience: University-wide

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Submit a Question

Featured Highlights

Grants Management System Update: Implementing Insight

Author: Kim Maune, Emory Chief Implementation Officer, Insight GMS

Emory University is investing in a **fully integrated research administration grants management package**. The product, Insight, is a could-based system unifying distributed and complex organizational processes into one highly integrated system to enable compliance, efficiency, and transparency.

Our research systems are currently numerous and not integrated, creating duplicate entry and inefficient workflow, increasing administrative burden. Implementation and optimization of a GMS will standardize research processes across Emory to support faculty, research staff, study teams, and administrative offices to manage their research portfolios efficiently and effectively.

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FY24 Q1 - Q3 Mission Metrics Now Available

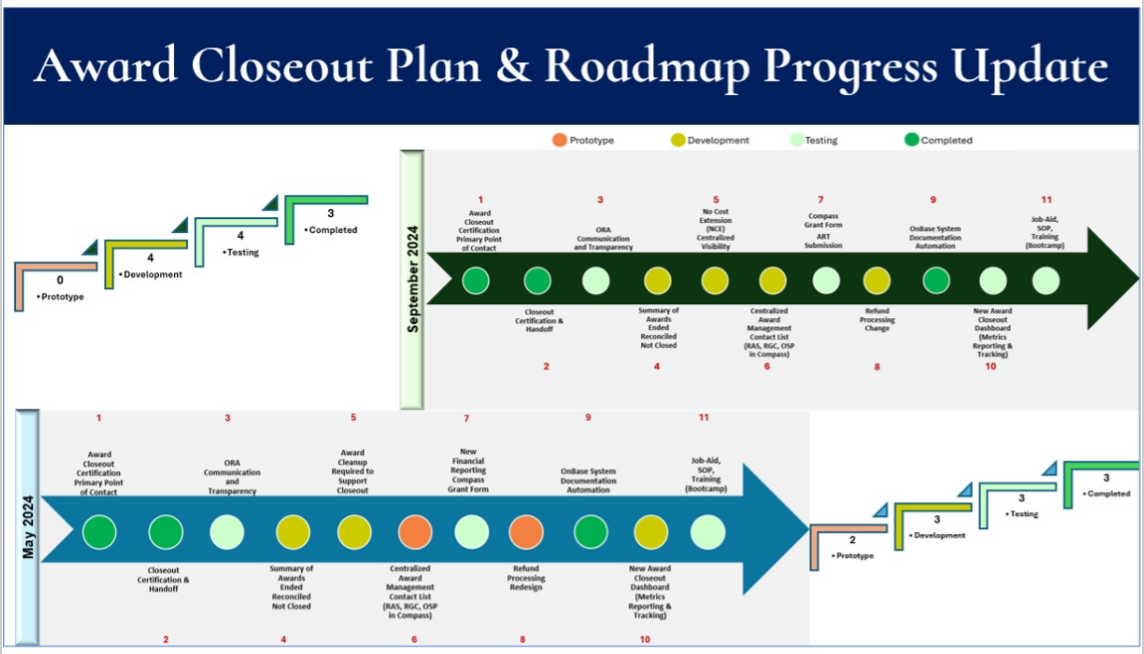
Author: Alex Wagner, Director, Research Data Analytics, (RBO)

View the FY24 Mission Metrics Report

What are Mission Metrics?: This dashboard was developed as a reporting process for faculty facing metrics. The goal is to supply meaningful metrics to faculty to measure performance of ORA's departments and units. This data-informed dashboard will seek to improve ORA's transparency and identify areas for improvement. The metrics are produced in several phases to incorporate feedback and develop additional metrics.

The FY24 and Past Mission Metrics are now available on the **RBO website**.

Emory's Award Closeout Plan and Roadmap



Author: Patrick Amihere, Associate Director (RGC)

This month's article is focused on the progress of **Emory's Award Closeout Processes/Projects Development** and a **Summary of the Revised OMB guidance also known as the Uniform Guidance (UG)**. First, the recent changes to the federal guidelines provide additional reasons why our institution must reduce the administrative burden relative to closing awards effectively and timely to be compliant with Sponsoring Agencies' terms and conditions. Secondly, the ongoing initiatives related to Award Closeout Processes/Projects are progressing steadily to facilitate compliance with both UG and Emory policies and guidance.

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FY2024 Research Administration Annual Satisfaction Survey

Dear Colleagues,

The Office of Research Administration has launched our annual researcher survey

to solicit your feedback on the progress that is being made to support the excellence within our research enterprise.

In our efforts to build the most responsive research administration for Emory, we would appreciate your feedback on your experiences over the past year. Your feedback will enable us to align research administrative services with your needs. **This annual survey is anonymous.**

Your feedback will help enhance our understanding of current needs, while helping us document where critical progress has been made. We utilized past year's feedback to make improvements in several areas, including moving forward with modernizing our IT systems, increasing integration, and delivering transparency.

FY2024 Annual Satisfaction Survey

Please note: This survey is not intended for Research Administration staff

The survey should require no more than 5-10 minutes of your time, with the option to provide more thorough commentary as you wish.

The survey will be active until **COB October 3rd, 2024** and this year's results will again be shared in various formats and meetings **beginning in 2025**. Thank you for your time and attention. We again look forward to hearing and implementing your feedback!

Thank you in advance for your partnership,

Robert

Robert Nobles, DrPH, MPH
Vice President for Research Administration

Coming in May 2025: Investigators Must Use SciENcv To Format NIH and NSF Personnel Documents

Authors: Deepika Bhatia, AVP, (RCRA) & Kimberly Eck, Sr. AVP, (SVPR)

SciENcv is an application in My NCBI that helps you create and manage documents in support of grant applications with participating agencies. In SciENcv you can document your education, employment, research activities, publications, honors, research grants, and other professional contributions. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sciencv/

For NIH: Biosketches and Current and Pending Support for proposals and RPPRs submitted **on or after May 25, 2025** must use the new Common Form and be produced using SciENcv. NSF has already implemented the use of SciENcv. Please see NOT-OD-24-163 for details.

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Press Release: PRIM&R Releases Podcast to Explore Scientific Research With Public

BOSTON, September 12, 2024 /PRIM&R/ – Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) announced the release of its podcast, "Research Ethics Reimagined," designed to help further the public's understanding of scientific research.

The monthly podcast, hosted by PRIM&R's Executive Director Ivy R. Tillman, EdD, CIP, features conversations with "scientists, researchers, bioethicists and some of the leading minds exploring new frontiers of science," according to the official show summary.

"From teaching to navigating the complexities of research ethics as an IRB director, my career has been shaped by a commitment to bridging gaps, fostering understanding, and helping others make connections," Tillman said of her role as the podcast's host.

PRIM&R has released four podcast episodes to date:

- Episode 1 ("Making Science More Accessible") focuses on building and maintaining trust in research and science in the 21st century by creating a connection with the public and simplifying the language scientists use.

Guests: **Robert Nobles**, DrPH, MPH, CIP, Vice President for Research Administration at Emory University, and **Amanda M. Dettmer**, PhD, a research scientist at the Yale Child Study Center.

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Federal Agency Updates

NIH Automated Email Seeking Just-in-Time Information to Be Retired October 1

An automated email from eRA for Just-in-Time information, sent for applications with an overall impact score of 30 or less, will be retired on October 1, 2024.

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Changes to Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan Progress Reporting and the Submission of Revised DMS Plans Are Coming on October 1

On October 1, NIH is adding several new Data Management and Sharing (DMS) questions to Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPRs) and updating the process for submitting revised DMS Plans to NIH for review.

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Recording: Revision of NSF Award Terms and Conditions Implementing Revised 2 CFR

The NSF Policy Office in the Division of Institution and Award Support (DIAS) held a webinar on September 12 at 2:00 PM ET which provided the framework for these revisions and how they affect NSF proposals and awards.

View Recording

Learn More

Summary: NIH Closeout Process Webinar

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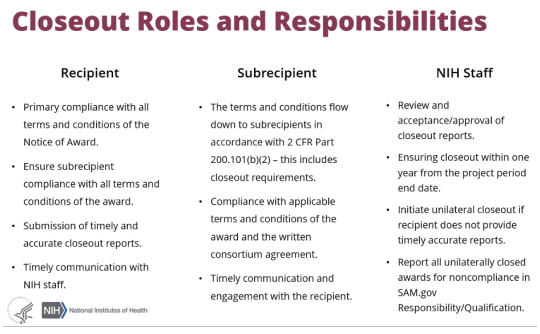

Authors: Tricia Callahan, Interim Director, (OSOT) & Edwin Bemmel, AVP, (RGC)

The webinar summary link below reviews the NIH Closeout Process webinar presented by the NIH Office of Extramural Research (OER) on September 17, 2024. The webinar recording, transcript, and presentation slides can be found on the NIH Event Page.

Webinar Summary

Presentation Slides

NIH Event Page

Research Administration Training Opportunities

ORA Boot Camp Series: NIH Unplugged

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Author: Tricia Callahan, Interim Director, (OSOT)

The NIH Unplugged Series offers an in-depth exploration of the NIH grant application and management process. Designed for investigators and administrators alike, it provides essential knowledge and practical guidance for navigating the complexities of NIH funding.

Through informative presentations and interactive discussions, the NIH Unplugged Series equips participants with the tools and knowledge necessary to increase their chances of securing NIH funding and successfully managing awarded grants.

NIH Unplugged Webinar List

Other Research Training Up and Coming Events

Department Updates

Environmental Health and Safety Office

H5 Avian Influenza Virus Exemption

Until recently H5N1 Avian Influenza was regulated under the USDA/CDC Select Agent Program. During this temporary exemption Emory researchers will soon begin work with this virus in the highest level of containment at Emory including Biosafety Level 3 (BSL3) and Animal Biosafety Level 3 (ABSL3).

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Institutional Review Board

Planning to Submit a Federal Grant for Multi-Site Human Research?

Reach out to the Emory IRB reliance team at irb.reliance@emory.edu to discuss the single IRB plan before you submit!

Also, a reminder about our Collaborative Research webpage here, with instructions for all things related to inter-IRB reliance: https://irb.emory.edu/guidance/research-types/collaborative.html

Effective October 1: Protocol and Consent Template Updates

The IRB has released new protocol and consent templates for biomedical research, available on the IRB website. Additional templates will be updated in the near future.

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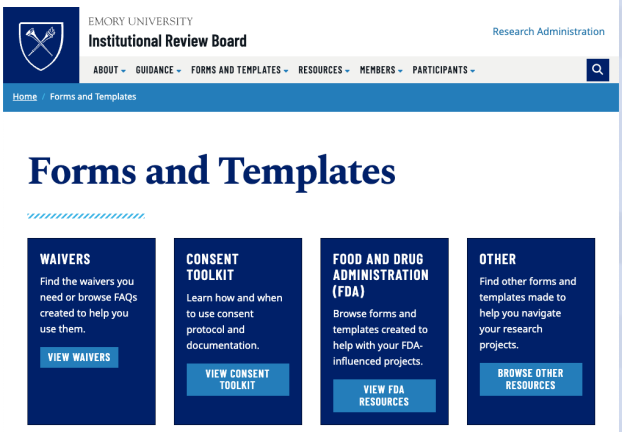

New Members Sought for IRB Service

The IRB is seeking new members especially from the following areas: AI/ML, Anthropology, Emergency Medicine, Endocrinology, Infectious Disease, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Pulmonology, Psychiatry, Sociology, and Surgery/Transplant. Faculty from other areas are also welcome to inquire. Please reach out to Carol Corkran and Rebecca Rousselle, at ccorkra@emory.edu and rrouss2@emory.edu. You can find information about membership here: https://irb.emory.edu/members/index.html

Office of Research Development

Grant Forward at Emory University

The Office of the Senior Vice President for Research sponsors a university-wide subscription to **GrantForward**.

GrantForward provides easy, customizable access to thousands of grant opportunities through a single easy-to-use interface. Researchers can use this service to self-curate personalized funding notices, as well as to create research profiles that will further refine and individualize grant recommendations provided by the system.

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Effective January 25, 2025 – A Revised NIH Grant Review Process with a Focus on Scientific Merit & Reputational Bias Reduction

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has taken steps to simplify its grant review process for most research project grants for applications with due dates of January 25, 2025 or later. Upcoming changes have been undertaken in order to address the complexity of the peer review process and the potential for reputational bias to affect peer review outcomes.

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Research Compliance & Regulatory Affairs

Emory IACUC September Newsletter

Emory IACUC Newsletter
September 5, 2024

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IACUC Policy Updates and other Policies ⚠ The IACUC Policies have moved to SharePoint

Please review the following policies recently updated.

- Intra-Emory Transport of Animals (PDF) Multiple Survival Surgery (PDF) Prolonged Restrain Adverse Events

Please sign the Post Approval Attestation of Responsibilities Reminder

To decrease noncompliance events related to personnel NOT READING the approved protocols and modifications, the IACUC Committee tasked the IACUC Office with sending out a reminder of the responsibilities to the PI and each member of the research team receiving approval letters for new protocols and triennial renewals using DocuSign, or in PDF form, and each research team member is tagged for signing and it returns to each member for record keeping.

From the Office of Occupational Health and Safety

1. Personnel listed in IACUC protocols must complete the annual OHS (**Animal Care Handler**) **Questionnaire** in HOME.
   - **OHS clearance for Non-EPC New personnel: you will be contacted by Employee Health after you sign-in into eIACUC and request the AALAS account.**
   - **OHS clearance for Non-EPC Undergraduate students and Sponsored Accounts**: Send questionnaire and https://emory.sharepoint.com/sites/eIACUC/SitePages/OHS-Form.aspx

Personnel listed in protocols associated with the Emory Primate Center complete the OHS Questionnaire through the EPC EHS Office.

2. The Emory University **Annual Health Surveillance Questionnaire** will be available in the month of the employee's hiring anniversary, and it will be accessible in HOME. For questions, please email employeehealth.iacuc@emoryhealthcare.org or call 404-686-8587, Option 4.

EU DAR Vets Must Phase-Out Writing Buprenorphine-ER Prescriptions Pursuant to DEA Warning

The DEA has warned the DAR to cease writing prescriptions for EU DAR investigators to obtain controlled drugs, such as buprenorphine-ER. Those without a DEA license must obtain one to continue ordering controlled drugs from the compounding pharmacy. EU DAR will continue writing prescriptions until November 1, 2024, for these researchers. After that date, EU DAR will no longer write prescriptions for buprenorphine ER. Please contact the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance (oric@emory.edu) for assistance with obtaining licenses.

The Standard Procedures for using Buprenorphine Ethiqa XR in Mice and Rats have been approved by the IACUC-reach out to you protocol analyst if you need to amend your IACUC protocol to add these drugs.

ALERTS to Investigators regarding the use of Xylazine & Buprenorphine ER

Xylazine: Alert issued to make researchers aware of certain manufacturers indicating that xylazine must be discarded 30 days after opening/needle puncture or 20 punctures (whichever comes first). IMPORTANT: **Write the date of the first puncture on the bottle and check the label of the xylazine vial to see if the manufacturer has the 30-day use limit.**

Read the September 2024 Issue

Check out the IACUC September 2024 newsletter for updates on the following topics:

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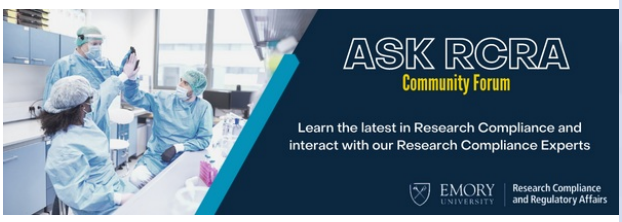
October "Ask RCRA" Community Forum

The Office of Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs (RCRA) is delighted to invite you to our monthly "Ask RCRA" community forum! Please join us for 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** ***

Do you have any questions we can answer during the session? Please submit questions to: **researchcompliance@emory.edu**



When: Thursday, October 17, 2024
Time: 12PM - 1PM ET

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RCRA Update Highlights

NSPM 33

Policy 7.21 Minors Participating in Research Activities at Emory

The federal government has updated the standards surrounding disclosure, including requirements and processes. For additional information, please see the OSTP Guide.

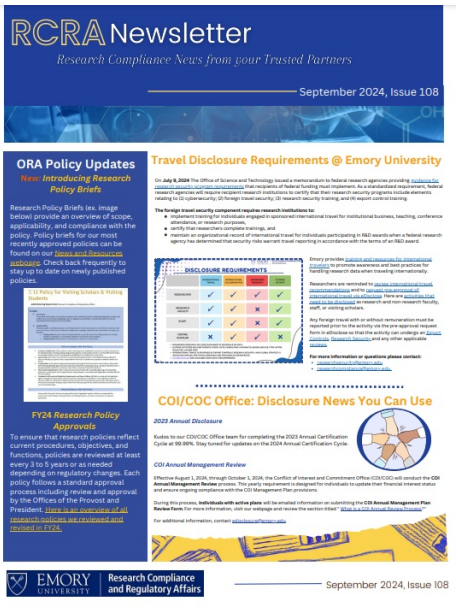
New revisions to this policy clarify the definition of a minor and requires PIs/Sponsors who will host minors in their lab to complete a Minor Registration Form. This form can be obtained from by emailing the research compliance office: researchcompliance@emory.edu.

iThenticate

A new plagiarism detection software is being implemented at Emory. This software is a tool to ensure research documents including manuscripts and grant applications follow proper citation practices. This system currently in use at other major Universities across the country including Harvard, Stanford and UC Berkley.

Controlled Substances & Dangerous Drugs

Ensuring compliance with regulations governing controlled substances and dangerous drugs is paramount in research. Here are important pointers and resources to support your use of controlled substances in research -https://rcra.emory.edu/_includes/documents/sections/oric/cs-dd-one-pager-pi.pdf



Emory RCRA September Newsletter

Check out the RCRA September 2024 newsletter for updates on the following topics:

- ORA Policy Updates
- Travel Disclosure Requirements @Emory University
- COI/COC Office: Disclosure News You Can Use
- Use of Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs in Research
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Faculty Feedback Form

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

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