



Research Community Update

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The Research Community Update informs campus administrators about research-related topics of interest and importance. Staff in the Office of Sponsored Programs are here to help you with navigating the changing and challenging world of research administration.

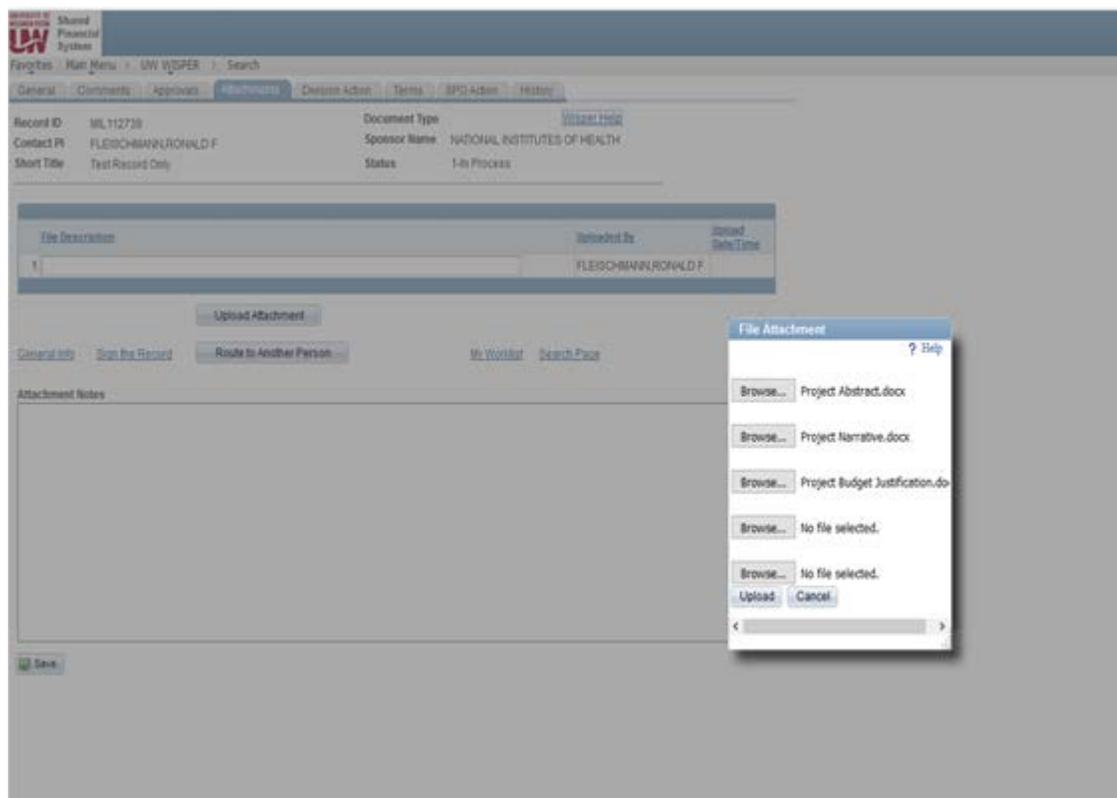
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NEW ENHANCEMENTS ADDED TO WISPER

Two new enhancements were added in December to [WISPER](#) to increase the system's functionality for users. First, WISPER will now allow the upload of multiple attachments under the "Attachments" tab:



Previously, all attachments had to be uploaded to the "Attachments" tab separately. The second enhancement is in the "Search" function. WISPER allows users to provide keywords in a WISPER record, at the very bottom of the "General" tab. However, users could not search on these keywords—until now:

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Questions related to WISPER? Please contact your [Pre-Award Specialist](#).

SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM RELEASES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The [University of Wisconsin Sea Grant College Program invites proposals](#) for its next two-year grant period that begins on February 1, 2018. Research proposals of up to \$100,000 - \$120,000 per year are solicited in the following areas:

Wisconsin Targeted Focus Areas, including:

- Green Bay Interdisciplinary Research;
- Bluff, Beach, and Nearshore Sediment Dynamics; and
- Great Lakes and Water Literacy Assessment.

Wisconsin Base Focus Areas, including:

- Health Coastal Ecosystems;
- Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture; and
- Resilient Communities and Economies.

Special Joint Calls for Proposals with other state Sea Grant programs, including:

- Minnesota – Wisconsin Joint Call for Proposals; and
- Illinois/Indiana – Wisconsin Joint Call for Proposals.

Additionally, the Wisconsin Sea Grant Program solicits education proposals for up to \$25,000 per year to address **Environmental Literacy and Workforce Development**.

Applications are submitted in two phases: a pre-proposal, due by 3 pm on January 24, 2017 and a full proposal due by 3 pm on April 28, 2017. Applicants **MUST** submit a pre-proposal by the deadline in order to submit a full proposal. To assist applicants, an informational webinar will be offered on December 16, 2016 on the process for submitting pre-proposals for the January deadline.

Please note that since the pre-proposals require a line-item budget, a **WISPER record is required for the pre-proposal**. Please share this information with researchers in your division/department that have research interests that align with these initiatives.

Questions? Please contact your [Pre-Award Specialist](#).

TWO NEW SAAPS APPROVED

UWM governance groups have approved two new [Selected Academic and Administrative Policies \(SAAPs\)](#) regarding research and sponsored projects at UWM.

- (1) [SAAP 23: Use of Facilities - Policies and Procedures](#) addresses the use of shared research facilities at UWM to ensure the effective use of shared research facilities and to allow for efficient and effective resolution of issues and conflicts that may arise between users.
- (2) [SAAP 74: UWM Policy on Sponsored Program Fixed Price Contract Close Out](#) discusses the policy for the closeout of fixed-price contracts and residual balances greater than 25% of the total award amount or \$10,000, whichever is greater.

Questions? Contact Rachel Schiffman, Associate Vice Provost for Research (schiffma@uwm.edu).

NIH SEEKS FEEDBACK ON DATA MANAGEMENT AND SHARING STRATEGIES

The National Institutes of Health issued a [Request for Information](#) regarding data management and sharing strategies and priorities in order to consider (1) how digital scientific data generated from NIH-funded research should be managed, and to the fullest extent possible, made publicly available; and (2) how to set standards for citing shared data and software.

NIH recognizes that many factors must be considered when determining what, when, and how data should be managed and shared, such as the purpose for sharing, supporting data re-use and reproducibility, maturity of the science, the infrastructure uniqueness of the data, and ethical considerations. **Electronic responses will be accepted through January 19, 2017.** (Note that the deadline was extended on December 8, 2016.) Responses will be compiled and shared publicly in an unedited version after the close of the comment period.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD OF YOUR PI'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Has a principal investigator in your department or division received an award? We are always seeking projects to feature on the Office of Research's website. If you would like to help spread the word on a recent award, **the following information is needed:**

- (1) A one sentence description of the project;
- (2) A paragraph with a broad overview of the project and personnel involved suitable for a public audience; and
- (3) High resolution images that best capture the project.

Any and all award recognition is welcome! The information is featured on the [Office of Research homepage](#) as well as the [Research Excellence](#) page. If interested, please forward materials to Ron Fleischmann, Associate Director (fleischm@uwm.edu).

THE \$5.00 QUESTION

In the spirit of professional development, during the Fall 2016 semester OSP will present a question or scenario to Research Community Update subscribers about various aspects of research administration (proposal development, pre-award, compliance, and post-award). Subscribers will have one week from the date of publication to submit an answer, and the subscriber(s) with the best answer(s) will receive a \$5.00 gift card to The UWM Grind*! OSP will publish the best responses along with the subscriber's name, department/division, and response in an upcoming edition of the Research Community Update. Our recognition jackpot will accumulate if we have no responses.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

A principal investigator requires assistance in reconciling his project account. The award began on December 1, 2016 and is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Below are the expenses, by category:

Monthly Expenses for December 2016

Salary – Research Assistant	\$1,667.00
Fringe Benefits – Research Assistant	\$?
Supplies	\$3,475.65
Travel – Foreign	\$856.00
Tuition	\$?
Equipment	\$6,000.00
Subaward	\$40,000.00
Facilities and Administrative Costs (49.5% MTDC)	\$?

Based on the information above:

- (1) What are the Fringe Benefit costs?
- (2) What is the cost of Tuition?
- (3) What is the total F&A for the month?

Please send your responses to Ron Fleischmann, Associate Director of Pre-Award Administration (fleischm@uwm.edu).

PREVIOUS WEEK'S QUESTION AND RESPONSE:

Q: Our featured response this week comes from **Heidi Janzen, Interim Assistant Dean for Business Affairs in the College of Nursing:**

"False is the answer. An investigator must meet his or her effort commitment during each PROJECT YEAR, not UWM effort period."

This is correct. A key person (PI, co-I, or senior/key personnel) who has a commitment on a sponsored project may meet that commitment in a fluctuating manner throughout the course of a project budget year. This is called **fluctuating effort** and is acceptable under both federal regulations and UW-Milwaukee Effort Policy.

Commitments must be met in each project budget year. Commitments do not need to be met in each effort period of performance, however. A key person may meet his or her commitment for a project budget year by working less time during one period of performance, certifying an amount of effort less than his or her commitment during that period, and working more time during the next period of performance, certifying an amount of effort that exceeds his or her commitment. When looking at these two effort periods together, the aggregate of this person's effort will show s/he has met his/her commitment over the project budget year.

In recognition of Ms. Janzen's response, she will receive a \$10 gift card to The UWM Grind! Congratulations!

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