Research Support Update

August 1, 2024

Research Support Update – PERA Project

- Go Live for overall project on track for October 7th, 2024.

- Super User group has been meeting twice weekly during July. Focus on orientation/navigation, content provisioning, and identifying key business management processes requiring training/communication.
  - Examples of key process discussions – budget allocation, cost share, initiation and approval of ancillary reviews

- Super-User group will act as subject matter experts and facilitate training conducting during August and September

- User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is currently underway for pre-award. Post award UAT will include finance representation to be conducted in August.

- Finalization of contact information (generic email addresses) is currently underway -- data population is key to workflows

- Additional Information and Resources available at research.purdue.edu/pera/ and at PERA BM Resources - Finance (purdue.edu)

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Research Support Update – AIMS Revision

- AIMS tools are undergoing assessment and revision to improve ability for researchers and business office staff to access account information as needed. Will be rebranded and rolled out in phased approach.

- 3 Project Phases;
  - Phase I - Researcher View.
    - Summary information provided based upon nightly data refresh. Grant information available to researcher, and delegates based upon GM roles.   Based upon user authenticating to system, faculty allocations available.
    - Protype tool has been developed (Tableau). Currently moving from design phase to a researcher outreach phase. Expect go live to coincide with or be introduced slightly ahead of PERA go live in the first week of October.
  - Phases II. AIMS Business Office Tool Enhancement. AIMS projection tool will be assessed for minor changes with high value return. Revisions expected during the spring of 2025. Potential incorporation of researcher input on Phase I that were unable to addressed prior to phase I go live.
  - Phase III. AIMS Business Office Tool Revisions. Focus on projection tool and more substantive architectural/process changes resulting in reduced effort to pull data by business office staff

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