Modernizing NSF Business via Research.gov
2014 NSF Grants Conference

June 2014

Today’s Agenda

★ Modernization Efforts
★ Research.gov Resources
★ Feedback
Background

Research.gov is the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) modernization of FastLane, providing the next generation of grants management capabilities for the research community.
Financial Services

- Program income reporting (effective March 2014)
- Preparing for NSF’s new financial and accounting system
  - Financial services unavailable from September 19 to October 13
  - Last date to submit drawdowns for awards with cancelling funds is September 18
- Beginning October 1, NSF will begin making all payments using System for Award Management (SAM) banking information

Project Reporting

- 74,000+ project reports submitted via Research.gov
- Continuous enhancements to improve user experience
  - Pre-population
  - BibTeX Upload
  - Copy/paste Functionality
  - Demo Site
  - Video Tutorial
Researchers and SPOs can use their university-issued user ID and password to login to Research.gov via InCommon

- 59 institutions are connected with Research.gov (30 more in the pipeline)

Single Sign-on between Research.gov and FastLane

InCommon Statistics

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Top 10 Leaderboard (March - May 2014):

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Institution Profile Management

- New project to minimize effort of registering a new institution and maintaining institution profiles
  - Minimizes data entry
  - SAM as authoritative data source
  - Cleans up data
  - Updates registration process

Notifications & Requests

- Plan to migrate to Research.gov
  - Planning and development activities will begin in FY 2014
  - Improved navigation and workflow
  - Implement OMB’s Uniform Guidance
Proposal Submission

- Planning activities began in FY 2014
- Evaluating proposal preparation and submission capabilities in FastLane
- Identifying process, data, and technology enhancements and phased approach to migrating functionality to Research.gov
Additional Resources

- Research.gov Listserv - System_Updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov
- Project Reporting Demo Site
- Online Help
- Research.gov Services Fact Sheets
- Project Reporting Video Tutorial
- Research.gov BibTeX Video Tutorial
- Project Reporting Live Help

HELP US IMPROVE RESEARCH.GOV!
Usability

- Our goal is to make Research.gov easier to use
  - Using a User Centered Design approach

Other goals:
- Better integration with FastLane. You will be seeing a gradual blending of the two sites
- Adopt a common NSF look-and-feel

Usability (con’t)

For User Centered Design to work, we need user input.

You can help today...
- Take the survey at:
  http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Researchgov
We Are listening

Other sources of feedback:

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Provide Feedback

*Take the ForeSee survey*

*Complete the online feedback form*