

# Office of Research News & Notes

## Office of Research Updates

### The Office of Research Kicks Off New Electronic Research Management Project

The Office of Research is kicking off a new university-wide project for an electronic research management solution. Using [Click® Portal](#), this solution will reduce administrative burden for faculty, increase efficiency, and promote transparency through a user-friendly, paperless system. Over the next 18-24 months, the research community will be engaged to provide feedback throughout the three-phase project. Additional information will be forthcoming as the project progresses.

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### New Process for Corporate-Funded Research Agreements

Effective November 1, 2016, the Office of Research (OR) will alter the [procedure](#) for initiating OR's review of corporate-funded contracts by the Clinical/Corporate team. In addition to a completed [CRA submission form](#), departments must now also submit completed [stock 0136 forms](#) to initiate OR review of corporate-funded contracts.

This change will minimize delays in processing finalized contracts for signature, and will also bring the processing of these agreements into alignment with long-standing procedures for grants and federal contracts.

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## Funding Agency Updates

### Streamlined Prior Approval Process for NIH Proposals Exceeding \$500,000 in Direct Costs

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) require applicants to obtain prior approval from Program Officials (POs) if they are requesting \$500,000 or more in direct costs in any one budget period within a competitive segment. There is now an option to request this prior approval electronically through eRA Commons under a new Prior Approval Module.

For more details, please see the following NIH notice: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-005.html>

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### Requesting Additional Funds for Active NIH Awards

National Institutes of Health (NIH) grantees have 2 options when seeking additional funding for active projects:

- 1) [Administrative Supplements](#) should be used for unforeseen cost increases within an approved scope of work.
- 2) [Competing Revisions](#) should be used when funds are needed to expand a project beyond its approved scope.

[Click here](#) for more detailed information.