

## Memorandum

To: Research Deans, Faculty, Staff and Administrators

From: Miriam Campo, Director  
Sponsored Programs

Re: GrantsERA Update

Date: December 8, 2015

A few months ago, ML Weekes, the company that owns GrantsERA, communicated to us that effective January 1, 2016, their system would no longer support the Grants.gov system-to-system proposal submission process. The Division of Research through the office of Sponsored Programs has been diligently searching for a grants management system to replace GrantsERA.

GrantsERA will continue to be used to electronically route and submit all proposals to Sponsored Programs. If the sponsor requires submission through Grants.gov, the Adobe Grants.gov packet will have to be completed separately and attached to GrantsERA prior to submitting the proposal to Sponsored Programs.

There are two other proposal submission portals that are available instead of using the Adobe Grants.gov application package.

1. **Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST):** ASSIST is NIH's online system for the preparation, submission and tracking of grant applications through Grants.gov to NIH. ASSIST is a secured web-based system that allows for collaboration of multiple users. ASSIST does pre-submission validation, pre-populates data from eRA Commons profiles and has lots more features.

Not all NIH proposals can be submitted using ASSIST. The solicitation will indicate if ASSIST can be used.

2. **Grants.gov Workspace:** Workspace is a shared, online environment where members of the same organization may simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application. Applicants can also reuse saved Workspace forms when applying for a new funding opportunity.

Not all Grants.gov solicitations are available in Workspace. The solicitation will indicate if Workspace is available.

The office of Sponsored Programs is offering training sessions for both NIH ASSIST and Grants.gov Workspace.

Training	Date	Time	Location
NIH ASSIST	January 6, 2016	10:00 - 11:30am	OIT Computer Lab, Bldg. 22, CM 146
Grants.gov Workspace	January 12, 2016	10:00am - 12:00 noon	OIT Computer Lab, Bldg. 22, CM 146

Space is limited to 20 in the Computer Lab. Please register for these trainings at:  
<http://www.fau.edu/oit/training/calendar.php>. If space fills up, we will open additional sessions.

Due to the holiday schedule, the trainings are in January. If anyone is submitting a proposal prior to the January training and requires a one-on-one training session, please contact the Proposal & Contract Administrator (PCA) in Sponsored Programs assigned to your unit and an individual session will be arranged.

We appreciate your cooperation as we find a better grants software solution for FAU. A demo of a potential system is in the process of being set up and an invitation will be sent to all. Further information about this will be forthcoming.

If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [campom@fau.edu](mailto:campom@fau.edu) or at 7 0853.