
Updates from the HHS Office of Research

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Dear Colleagues,

I know this is a particularly hectic time during the academic year, and I hope you all are well. The following topics are addressed in this email.

1. Cayuse Human Ethics to replace IRBIS in early April
2. Cayuse to replace RAMSeS this summer
3. Important NIH changes: Biosketches and Other Support
4. HHS OOR Equity Audit Updates
5. Spring Workshop/Events and Deadlines List

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1. Cayuse Human Ethics-to replace IRBIS in early April

The current online system for the internal review of human ethics research, IRBIS, will be replaced by Cayuse Human Ethics in April. I saw an overview of the new platform last week and it seemed user friendly. Some positive changes include that several redundant questions have been removed or streamlined which should enhance the efficiency of submitting protocols. Please note one important difference is that in Cayuse, anyone listed as an investigator is required to certify the application prior to moving to the review stage in contrast to IRBIS in which only the Principal Investigator had to certify the application to launch the review stage. If you have multiple investigator teams but wish for the Principal Investigator to be the only certifier, you may list additional investigators as Personnel. They will still receive communications and have access to materials when they login to Cayuse, but they will not need to certify the application prior to review. Several live trainings via zoom are planned, and recordings will be made available.

- Tuesday, April 6th – 10am-11:30am – Zoom
- Thursday, April 8th – 2pm-3:30pm – Zoom
- Tuesday, April 13th – 2pm-3:30pm – Zoom
- Thursday, April 15th – 10am-11:30am – Zoom

Register at: <https://workshops.uncg.edu/>

Complete details are available in the attachments titled: Cayuse HSR Go Live Announcement.pdf and Revised Cayuse HSR Go Live FAQs. A few key facts are summarized below:

- Beginning April 5, all new studies must be submitted in Cayuse Human Ethics
- IRBIS will be unavailable from 4/1 through 4/4 in order to prepare for the migration from IRBIS to Cayuse.
- Beginning April 12, modifications and renewals can be submitted in Cayuse
- **No modifications or renewals can be submitted from March 30 to April 11, so any urgent modifications or renewals must be submitted in IRBIS by March 30 at the very latest.**
- Active protocols will be migrated automatically.
- Expired/closed protocols will not be migrated.

If the timeline/implementation changes, I will alert you.

2. Cayuse to replace RAMSeS

RAMSeS (Research Administration Management System and electronic Submission), the portal we have been using for the internal routing of external grants and contracts will be replaced by a new system called Cayuse. Yes, the same Cayuse noted above. One of the beauties of Cayuse is it is a single platform in which multiple research-related processes will be integrated--including routing of grants/contracts, IRB, and conflict of interest processes. Another benefit

of Cayuse is it will communicate/work with ASSIST and Grants.gov. In other words, these application packages can be built in Cayuse and then directly submitted to some sponsors. So, although no platform is perfect, Cayuse has several clear advantages over RAMSeS. That said, I know change can be hard.

A few important facts to highlight:

- The current timeline indicates any applications that are started on or after July will need to be in Cayuse. If this shifts, we will alert you.
- Verna Leslie, our Pre-Award Administrator, has been an integral member of the campus wide working group testing Cayuse and planning for implementation--so we are in VERY good hands, as always, during this transition.
- Cayuse was created by the same group who created RAMSeS, so the platform is similar in many ways. Those involved in the working group suggest it will look very familiar to us.
- Verna will continue to enter most application information into Cayuse, as she has done for RAMSeS, so the felt impact of this on HHS PIs will likely be minimal.
- The Office of Sponsored Programs will prepare/disseminate training materials.
- I will create an abbreviated instruction document for Department Chairs who are tasked with reviewing and approving grants/contracts before they are submitted.

Stay tuned for more information!

3. Important NIH changes: Biosketches and Other Support

NIH just announced that the following changes must be addressed in any new applications or RPPRs (annual reports) **due on or after May 25**. For additional details, please see: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-073.html>

Format Page	Changes
Biographical Sketch Format Page	Section B 'Positions and Honors' has been renamed 'Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors'.
	<p>For the non-Fellowship Biosketch, Section D. has been removed.</p> <p>For the Fellowship Biosketch, Section D has been updated to remove 'Research Support.'</p> <p>As applicable, all applicants may include details on ongoing and completed research projects from the past three years that they want to draw attention to within the personal statement, Section A.</p>
Other Support Format Page	The format page has been re-organized to separate funded projects from in-kind contributions.
	Signature block added, for Program Director/Principal Investigator or Other Senior/Key Personnel to certify the accuracy of the information submitted. Each PD/PI or senior/key personnel must electronically sign their respective Other Support form as a PDF prior to submission.

4. HHS OOR Equity Audit Updates

We have received many questions about the HHS OOR Equity Audit. To clarify, this is an audit of the HHS Office of Research, not the OOR conducting a broader audit of HHS. We have made tremendous progress on the audit this year. Please look for an email devoted solely to this topic later today. I welcome input as we are making key decisions about how to best disseminate our results and invite feedback in the fall. I will provide a mean for providing feedback in the other email.

5. Spring Workshop/Events and Deadlines List

I have attached a detailed list of research-related events and workshops. Some have passed, but several are planned in the coming weeks. In addition, please note the two upcoming submission deadlines below and the dates for various virtual research expos.

April 11: [Undergraduate Research and Creativity Award for Fall 2021/Spring 2022](#)

April 23: Applications for Child and Family Research Network Summer Funding to Support an external grant submission due at 5 PM. Details are attached.

April 1st-May 15th: Graduate Research and Creativity Showcase

<https://grs.uncg.edu/enrolled/showcase/>

April 1 Presentations will be posted to the website for Showcase opening

April 15 Winners will be awarded via a virtual celebration event

May 15 YouTube links should be kept active through May 15, 2021

April 19th-23rd: Thomas Undergraduate Research and Creativity Expo

<http://utlc.uncg.edu/ursco>

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 **Cayuse HSR Go Live Announcement.pdf**
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 **CFRN 2021 Interdisciplinary Summer Stipend Guidelines.docx**
32K

 **Research & Scholarship workshops, events, deadlines Spring 2021-1.pdf**
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