

# SCHOOL OF MEDICINE RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

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18 JANUARY 2024

# CURRENT Topics

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- Introductions

- Huron COI Module Go Live – January 29<sup>th</sup>

- **Common Dashboard** with Grants and Agreements, allows users to move seamlessly between solutions and to see all pending actions in one place.
- Combines the Research COI and External Activities Disclosure (EAD) reporting requirements into a **single disclosure process**.
- **Sponsored travel automatically drops off disclosures** 365 days after the end of travel.
- Allows investigators to **designate a Proxy** to assist with data entry. *Note: The investigator must be the one to complete the certification and submit the disclosure.*

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- **Integrated with Huron Grants (ResearchUVA)** to allow automated checking of training completion and disclosure status prior to proposal submission or at time of award. *Note: This functionality will be enabled in Phase 2 to avoid interfering with NIH proposal submission deadlines.*
- Provides tools for COI administrators and reviewers that will **streamline processing and facilitate compliance**, for example:
  - Scheduling of future due dates and automated reminders will help ensure timely submission of reports to sponsors, when required.
  - Profile updates with new disclosures will automatically trigger a review process for existing awards, will support ongoing compliance with regulations.

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- Automated review triggers based on profile updates rather than subsequent award actions (e.g., amendments and modifications), will accelerate processing.
- SOM Faculty ONLY: Will be able to submit **Pre-Approval Requests for outside consulting** through Huron COI. These requests will route directly to the SOM Dean's office for review and do not impact the COI disclosure process.
- **Pre-Launch Communications**: Various emails, presentations and notices are planned for release this month to inform the University community and direct them to available resources including resources customized for investigators, research administrators, and COI administrators/reviewers. These resources will include:

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- Short videos on navigation.
- Step-by-step job aids.
- Drop-in or scheduled office hours for live help via Zoom.
- Contact information for help system issues or disclosure questions.
- **Phase 1:** The Huron COI solution will be available for investigator disclosures on **Monday, January 29**. *Note: System launch will occur after 5pm on Friday, 1/26, with testing conducted on Saturday, 1/27, so that any issues can be addressed on Sunday, 1/28.*
  - Notifications will be sent to active investigators (e.g., sr/key personnel on a proposal pending sponsor review status, and/or an FCOI investigator on an award in draft or active status) who have not submitted a COI disclosure in the last year (overdue) or with renewals due in the next 30 days.

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The notifications will include links to access the Huron COI solution (requires NetBadge) and to available resources. Investigators will have at least 30-days post-launch to complete their disclosure.

- Disclosure due dates will be rolling, as they were in the legacy system; however, the VPR's office will be manually pushing out notices for the first year. Automated notices (email and ResearchUVA dashboard) will go out after a user's first disclosure in the new system.
- **Phase 2:** Enables the integration between Huron COI and Grants (ResearchUVA). This functionality will be activated on **Monday, February 19**.
  - Research Administrators in OSP and school/unit offices will begin using the "COI Disclosure Status" functionality in Grants (Proposals) to check COI disclosure and training status checks for all UVA key personnel named on a proposal.

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- Research Administrators in OSP will also use the “COI Disclosure Status” to perform COI disclosure and training status checks for UVA FCOI Investigators when they receive a Notice of Award and create the Draft Award.
- Research Administrators in in OSP will also use the “Send to COI” functionality from the Award workspace which will automate the check to determine if a relatedness review is needed and, if so, initiate the review request.
- OVPR will begin using the Huron COI Solution to route Management Plans and Mitigation Plans for final review/acceptance, and to manage Reporting Deadlines.

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○ **Form Updates** - <https://med.virginia.edu/grants-and-contracts/site-menu/forms/>

- Updated Consortium Commitment Form – includes new foreign subcontractor certification statement
- Updated RPPR Cover Sheet – includes new PI certifications re: foreign subcontractors and Data Management and Sharing Plans
  - Required for all RPPR submissions going forward
- NEW At-Risk/Preliminary/Advance Account Cover Sheet – gathers information and approvals needed for new at-risk/preliminary accounts
  - Required for all Preliminary account requests going forward

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## ○ Meeting Updates

- Refocusing various RA meetings to reduce duplication and overlap.

	Core Team	Research Administrators Forum	School/ Unit RA meetings	CORA / RAPTR	RAIT
<b>Purpose</b>	Core team focuses on process improvement discussion and implementation for Research UVA Powered by Huron and related research administration processes across OSP and schools/units	RAF is the primary forum for VPR and OSP to update the RA community on current institutional initiatives, significant regulatory updates, and research administration news in a presentation style meeting.	Meetings like the SOM Research Administrators Meeting (RAM) and similar meetings at other units cover school focused issues like 1) implementing new processes, 2) updates from the dean's office or OSP, and depending on the size of the unit 3) transactional level updates	CORA's presentation focused format and RAPTR's Q&A format have combined to offer a broad and inclusive community for RA/ Fiscal Techs to learn and discuss research administration in general and OSP updates, processes, systems, tips & tricks, and best practices specific to UVA. These meeting offers a mix of learning opportunities and news updates from OSP and related offices.	A structured forum for RA leaders representing all major research units to discover, explore, and address opportunities for improvement in a collaborative and open-minded setting.

# TIPS & Reminders

- Join the CoRA listserv and Zoom channel
  - Listserv - send an email to [sympa@virginia.edu](mailto:sympa@virginia.edu)
    - [subject line: subscribe CORA firstname lastname]
  - Zoom Channel
    - <https://zoom.us/join/chat/v2/eyJzaWQiOiI1MGI2YTkwMzM1MDM0ZWZmOTliY2Q3ZmExODI5ZDVmY0Bjb25mZXJlbnNlLnhtcHAuem9vbS51cyJ9>
- Executive Level II salary cap – NIH has not yet officially adopted the new rate – continue using the current rate until further notice