

New Research Administration Software on the Horizon

What is KC?

“Kuali Coeus (KC) for Research Administration is a comprehensive system to manage the complexities of research administration needs from the faculty researcher through grants administration to federal funding agencies.”

Modules in KC

Proposal Development with Budget Development Tool

Will allow PIs and investigators to have a single data entry point for all grant proposal activity, allowing for concurrent development. Additionally, budgets will be built using Banner account codes and university rates to reduce errors and iterations during budget development. Finally, federal funding opportunities submitted to Grants.gov will be submitted system-to-system allowing investigators more time and decreasing submission errors.

Institutional Proposal

Will track exactly what was submitted to the sponsor and will also manage internally funded awards.

Award including Subcontractor tracking and monitoring

Will allow administrators to manage funding for the award and investigators to track required reporting and stay informed of contractual terms and conditions. Additionally, administrators can manage subcontractors per award and manage reports and invoices for that subcontract.

IRB (Institutional Review Board) Protocol

Allows for an entirely paper free application, review and approval process for human research.

IACUC (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee) Protocol

Will allow for an entirely paper-free application, review and approval process for animal research.

COI (Conflict of Interest)

Will allow for completely electronic disclosures for all personnel on a project, as well as records of financial interests and management plans for reported conflicts.

Our Progress

IRB Module went live for the back office in December of 2014. We are currently using the system fully for all SBE IRB submissions and are rolling out BioMed IRB submissions with targeted groups starting late this month or early next months.

What does this mean for the Graduate School Faculty and Students?

For students pursuing an advanced degree that will require some level of human subject research, the student investigators are now able to use the new electronic submission system to apply for approval of their protocol, and their faculty supervisors/PIs are able to use the system to sign off on the project. Additionally, as the research can now be reviewed by the board outside of the IRB office, turn around times should improve.

What's Next?

We are working on both the Awards and Proposal Development modules to determine which will come next in implementation.