

Grants.gov Proposal Submission System -- What You Need to Know

Where did Grants.gov originate and what is it?

Grants.gov is part of the government's effort to make applying for grants easier. Over the last several years, the effort has become known as **Grants.gov** (<http://www.grants.gov>) and intends to become the single storefront Web portal for use in electronic collection of data (forms and reports) for all Federal grant-making agencies. It also has the mandate to be **the** single port of entry for all grants submitted to the Federal government.

Do Principal Investigators Need to Register with Grants.gov?

Principal investigators do not need to register with Grants.gov or with the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). The URI Research Office has registered for the University. The Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) referred to on the Grants.gov site is not the P.I., but the institutional official who provides the final signoff on grants (i.e., Gail Wing, Franca Cirelli). **In some cases, however, principal investigators need to register with a specific funding agency to access its forms. For NIH, PIs must complete a one-time registration in the eRA Commons in order to submit applications to NIH.**

Have all agencies converted to Grants.gov?

Not all federal agencies have converted yet to the Grants.gov system; some are still using their own electronic proposal submission system. Check the program guidelines to see which system the program requires you to use. However, **by calendar year 2007, both NSF and NIH will completely phase over to Grants.gov.**

For a guide to NSF programs that will require the use of Grants.gov in 2006 see:

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/docs/grantsgovlisting06.pdf>

For a guide to when specific NIH programs will require the use of Grants.gov see:

http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/files/Electronic_receipt_timeline_Ext.pdf

When will the Research Office offer training on Grants.gov to the URI community?

A training session will be offered during the spring semester of 2006. Grants.gov workshop notices will be sent through RESRCH-L and posted on the Research Office website.

Additional Information

If you are planning to apply for a NSF grant, you may want to download its guide to Grants.gov entitled, "NSF Grants.gov Application Guide" on the NSF website at:

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/docs/grantsgovguide.pdf>

If you are planning to apply for a NIH grant, you may want to download its Grants.gov application guide:

<http://grants2.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm>

