Overview or Process Summary: Prior to submitting a proposal, Principal Investigators must route the proposal for signatory approval by their Chair, Dean/Director, and Sponsored Research.

The Internal Form, is the mechanism to officially establish approval to seek funding. This fully signed form is required prior to the establishment of the project within Sponsored Research.

Business Process

- Faculty and/or administrative staff access the Internal Form developed by Sponsored Research.

You will need to register prior to using the Internal Form. To register, you will need to enter your College, Department, Name, GEMS ID (Employee ID) with leading zeroes, and Contact Information. You will also need to know your affiliation or user level: Undergraduate, Graduate, Faculty, Staff, CRAN or other. If you are a Department Research Administrator who will be starting or reviewing Internal Forms for faculty, check the box labeled “College Research Admin Network Access”, also known as CRAN. Chairs, Deans and/or delegates check the box labeled “Administrator’s Access.” Otherwise the boxes should be left blank. Select a Username and Password then click “Register.” Your PIN number will be emailed to you.
To input a new Internal Form, faculty and/or administrative staff should select the option of “New Internal Form.”

The Instructions page provides basic information on how to fill out and submit the form. To begin, click “Continue to Page 1.”
Enter Project Information:

- Select the purpose of the Internal Form.

Provide the FAST Project ID (Account Number), if continuation; Sponsor Deadline Date (if applicable), and Previous Proposal number (if any) in the boxes indicated.

Step 1. Project Information
- Indicate whether or not the proposal is in response to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding announcement or a Limited Submission.

  - ARRA/Recovery Act Funding
  - Limited Submission

- Enter the Project Title (must match title used to obtain IRB approval, if applicable); Keywords that best describe the project; and a layman’s description of the project.

  **PROJECT TITLE / KEYWORDS / DESCRIPTION**
  
  PROJECT TITLE
  (For projects requiring IRB approval, the Project Title entered here must be the same as what appears on your IRB or IACUC application)
  
  Center for the Study of Research Administration

  PROJECT KEYWORDS: (Please provide a keyword(s) that best describes your research project)
  
  Research Administration, cognitive and neurologic differences

  LAYMAN’S DESCRIPTION (1000 Characters Maximum)
  
  Research Administration is an unusual career choice and mostly unknown to the general population. Research Administrators often must navigate the ever-changing world of sponsor guidelines and policies and do not always have a good support network on which to rely. For these reasons, we propose to create the Center for the Study of

- Enter the Project Type: Research, Training, or Other. If Other, please specify.

  **PROJECT TYPE**
  
  - Research
  - Instruction (Training)
  - Other Sponsored Activity (OSA)
  - If OSA, specify: cognitive data study

- If this research was given a Department of Defense research classification, enter the type given: Classified, Unclassified, Unclassified Sensitive, or Not Applicable.

  **CLASSIFIED RESEARCH**
  
  (Was the project given a Department of Defense security classification? If yes, indicate level)
  
  - Classified
  - Unclassified
  - Unclassified Sensitive
  - Not Applicable
- Export Control - Indicate whether Export Control could impact this project. To determine if this applies, ask whether or not the project has an international component through foreign purchases/expenditures, shipping, travel/conferences, subcontracts/consultants, employees/student/participants, transfer of information or equipment, and/or performance site(s).

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- If this research is community-based, select yes. Otherwise, select no. To determine if a project is community-based, ask whether the project involves partnerships and/or beneficiaries at the local or regional level or if it has immediate or short term possibilities to help solve problems that affect the citizens of this locality or region. If the answer to either is yes, this is a community-based project.

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- Tampa Bay Educational Partnership (TBEP) – Does the project involve partnership with, and/or working in a Hillsborough County Public School?

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- USF World – International Research/Engagement- Does the project have an Internal Component?

**USF WORLD - INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH/ENGAGEMENT**

Does the project have an international component? International components may include, but are not limited to:
- Funding from foreign institutions or in non-US currencies
- Research with foreign partners or research in foreign countries/countries
- Traveling to international destinations (USF faculty, staff, and/or students)
- Hiring of foreign nationals
- Opening of foreign bank accounts, purchasing equipment, leasing or renting vehicles in foreign countries, etc.

Yes ☐  No ☐

By checking this box, the international component of your research will be recognized and added to the USF UCosmi2 database. Click here to learn more about UCosmi2.

- Click “Save and Continue”

**Save and Continue**

- Enter Project Investigators (CRAN Level only – this is auto-populated for PIs)
  - Add the Principal Investigator by clicking “ADD PI.”

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR**

- The PI can be added by GEMS ID (Employee ID) or his or her USF email address. Click “Add PI.”

**ADD A PI TO INTERNAL FORM**

The PI must first be registered in the Internal Form system before they can be added to the form.

You may add the PI by GEMSID or by email address.

- GEMS ID for PI: [ ]
- OR
- Email for PI: [ ]

Add PI

- Review and click “Confirm.”

**ADD PI TO INTERNAL FORM**

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<th>PI NAME</th>
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<tr>
<td>Janet Reyes</td>
<td>00000067324</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jreyes@tmhc.usf.edu">jreyes@tmhc.usf.edu</a></td>
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<td>813-974-7743</td>
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If there are Co-PIs, Co-Investigators, or Senior Staff (Key Personnel), select the option under “Project Investigators” located on the column on the left side of the screen.

- Co-PIs can be added by GEMS ID (Employee ID) or USF email address. Click “Add Co-PI.”

- Review, select their role, and click “Confirm.”

- A confirmation message is displayed.
- **Senior Staff** - Professional personnel who are responsible for the scientific or technical direction of project.

**2.b Senior Staff**

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<th>First Name</th>
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<td><a href="mailto:elizabeth@usf.edu">elizabeth@usf.edu</a></td>
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**Add Senior Staff**

- **Point of Contact** - If there is someone that should be contacted for this grant other than the PI.

**2.c Point of Contact**

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**Add Contact**

- Once you have entered any Co-PIs or other Key Personnel, click on Project Investigators to continue. The screen will display the PI with any other key personnel below. Confirm and click “Save and Continue.”

**Note:** Co-PIs must also be registered to access and sign the Internal Form.
Sponsor and Federal Awards

- Sponsor - Enter the following Sponsor information: Name, Program (RFP #, RFA #, or PA#, none, etc.), Sponsor Contact name, Sponsor Title (contact’s title), Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Fax, and Email.
Step 3. Sponsor and Federal Awards

SPONSOR

- Sponsor Name: Federal Sponsor
- Sponsor Program (i.e., Name, RFP, RFA, OR PA#): 01234567
- Sponsor Contact: Pat Smith
- Sponsor Title: Grants Management Specialist
- Address: 9000 Rockville Pike
- City: Bethesda  State: MD  Zip: 20832
- Phone: 555-555-1212  Fax:
- E-Mail: psmith@fawmcs.gov

- Select the Funding Source: Federal, State, Local FL Govt, For Profit Corp, Non-Profit Org, or Other

  Funding Source:  
  - Federal
  - State
  - Local FL Govt
  - For-Profit Corp
  - Nonprofit Org
  - Other

- Federal Flow-Through – If the grant money is federal, but is flowing through a non-federal sponsor.

  Federal Flow-Through: 

- CAS Exceptions for Federal and Federal Flow-Through Projects Only - Indicate whether or not the project has Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) exceptions. If your project is federal or federal flow-through but does not have CAS exceptions, select “No.” If your project is federal or federal flow-through and has CAS exceptions, select “Yes.” To determine if this applies, review your budget for any requests for clerical and administrative staff salaries, postage, local telephone services, office supplies, general purpose software/computers/equipment, subscriptions, and/or memberships. If any of those items are requested in the budget, you should select CAS Exception, “Yes” and you must include special justification in the budget narrative in order to comply with federal cost accounting standards (OMB Circular A-21). If your project is not federal or fed flow-through, select “No.” Click “Save and Continue.”
Commitment

- Seed Grants - Indicate whether or not the PI has received any seed funds. To determine if this applies, you should consider if you have received an internal grant award from the Office of Research & Innovation, the USF Collaborative, or another USF unit that has substantially contributed to your capacity to write this proposal. If seed funding was received, check “Yes” and indicate the award you received and when. Otherwise, check “No.”

- USF System Requested Resources – Will the project involve students where there is a tuition impact and/or space issue.
- Indicate if this project requires additional space or facilities. If yes, please provide a description. Click “Save and Continue.”

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<td>Additional Space and/or Facility Recommendations for this Project?</td>
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- Indicate if your project will use space in either USF Health Byrd Alzheimer’s Institute or CAMLS.

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- Research Computing- Will the project be using USF IT’s Research Computing High Performance Computing department?

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- Indicate if the budget calls for extra compensation or overload. If any USF faculty or staff will be employed in excess of the full-time equivalent (FTE) established for the employee’s regular or primary, non-OPS position or will be appointed to a non-OPS position and OPS at the same time you will need to check “Yes” for this field and complete the Request for Approval of Extra Compensation form. If not, check “No.”

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- Indicate if this project will involve subcontracts.

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• Project Budget

 Year One Budget Period - Enter the budget information for the Initial Budget Period including the start and end dates of the initial budget period, the direct costs (rounded to the nearest dollar), the modified total direct cost (MTDC) or the total direct costs (TDC), and the Indirect Cost (F&A) Rate. To determine what amount to use for MTDC or TDC, please refer to the Facilities and Administrative Cost Rates under “Base.” The green “View Rates” button provides a link to a chart with the indirect cost rates.

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 Project Period - Enter the budget information for the Project Period including the start and end dates of the entire project period, the direct costs (rounded to the nearest dollar), the MTDC or TDC, and the Indirect Cost Rate. If no indirect costs are allowed, enter a zero in the indirect cost box.

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 Once all fields have been completed, click the “Calculate Costs” button. The indirect cost and total cost should match the proposal budget.
- Indicate whether or not full indirect costs are being requested. To determine the full indirect cost rate for the project type and funding source, refer to the Facilities and Administrative Cost Rates. If full indirect costs are not requested, indicate why. Click “Save and Continue.”

- Distribution of F&A and USF Cost-Sharing

  - Distribution of Facilities and Administration (F&A) - If the PI's department/college is to receive all F&A, do NOT complete this section. If this project involves the distribution of F&A, click “Add F&A Information” in the beige column on the left side of the screen. For each split in F&A, identify the College or Area, the percentage to be allocated to that area, the PI/Co-PI this distribution applies to, and the Chair’s name.

  **Note:** Only complete this section if F&A is to be shared/split with another department/college.
Once all fields have been completed for the first distribution, click the “Add F&A” button. Repeat the steps for each distribution. Once all distributions have been added, click “Finish.” The F&A distribution is reflected.

USF Cost-Sharing / In-Kind / Match – If no, check the appropriate box and enter a zero in both the required and voluntary boxes then click “Calculate Totals.” All information should be populated with zeroes.

If the project includes cost sharing, check the “yes” box and indicate what percentage of required and/or voluntary cost share USF is contributing.

If cost sharing is required, input the required percentage in the appropriate field and enter a zero under voluntary. Place the associated cost share dollars in the appropriate categories: Salary, Operating Capital Outlay (OCO), Expenses, F&A costs. Be sure to place the dollars under the area that will be providing the cost share: the Department, College/Area, DSR and/or 3rd Party. **Note:** For 3rd Party, attach written verification from contributor.

If voluntary, input the percentage in the appropriate field and enter a zero under required. Place the associated cost share dollars in the appropriate categories: Salary, OCO, Expenses, F&A costs. Be sure to place the dollars under the area that will be providing the cost share: the Department, College/Area, DSR and/or 3rd Party. **Note:** For 3rd Party, attach written verification from contributor.
- Click “Calculate Totals” to populate the totals fields and verify them against the budget. Then click “Save and Continue.”

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- Compliance Approvals *(attach copies of compliance approval letters)*
  - Only the PI can fill out this section.
  - Indicate if this project involves:
    - Biohazards (Toxins, Infectious Agents, Recombinant DNA), the Status (approved, closed, exempt, pending), the Approval Date, and Number.
- Radioactive Materials, the Status (approved, closed, exempt, pending), the Approval Date and Number.

**RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS**

Are RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS used?
- Yes
- No

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- Diving Safety

**DIVING SAFETY**

Will SCIENTIFIC DIVING be utilized in the project?
- Yes
- No

- USF Boating

**USF BOATING**

Will a vessel be utilized in this project?
- Yes
- No

Is the operator Motorboat Operator Certification Course (MOCC) certified?
- Yes
- No

- Human Subjects (Exempt, Expedited, Full, Outside IRB), the Status (approved, closed, exempt, pending), the Approval Date, and Number.

**HUMAN SUBJECTS**

Does your study involve HUMAN SUBJECTS?
- Yes
- No

- Status: Pending
• Laboratory Animals, the Status (approved, closed, exempt, pending), the Approval Date, and IACUC number. Also indicate whether or not animal data will be used to support a FDA submission.

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• Conflicts of Interests, Outside Activity, and Nepotism

  ▪ **Only the PI can fill out this section.**

  ▪ Do any Investigators (or their Immediate Family) have a Reportable Financial Interest or Relationship on this USF System Research Project? To learn who may qualify as an Investigator, an Immediate Family member, or what constitutes a Reportable Financial Interest or Relationship, please refer to the [USF System Policy 0-309](https://arc.research.usf.edu/Prod) definition of "Investigator", "Immediate Family", or "Reportable Financial Interest or Relationship".

  If yes, please disclose the Reportable Financial Interest or Relationship through the eCOI online disclosure system via Applications for Research Compliance (ARC): [https://arc.research.usf.edu/Prod](https://arc.research.usf.edu/Prod).
Outside Activity - Indicate if there is an outside activity that is or could be perceived as conflicting with this proposed project. If yes, an Outside Activity Form must be attached in the File Attachments section (see below).

Outside Activity

Do you have an outside activity that is or could be perceived as conflicting with this proposed project?  
- Yes  
- No  
If yes, please attach a copy of the Outside Activities Form.

Do any Investigators intend to employ a Related Person on this USF System Research Project? To learn who may qualify as an Investigator or Related Person, please refer to the USF System Policy 0-309 definition of "Investigator" or "Related Persons".

If yes, please disclose the proposed employment of a Related Person through the eCOI online disclosure system via Applications for Research Compliance (ARC): https://arc.research.usf.edu/Prod

File Attachments

Attach all appropriate files keeping in mind that attachments are not required by the system in order to submit the form but may be required by the department and/or college. Suggestions for items to attach are: budget, budget justification, backup for less than full indirect cost rates, approval of any cost share commitments, abstract, and compliance approval letters. This is also where forms, such as Financial Disclosure Forms, Outside Activity Forms and Nepotism Memorandums should be uploaded. After uploading, click “Save and Continue.”

Note: Do NOT attach proposal applications or SF424s.

Note: The Internal Form may be modified at any time prior to the PI signature. Once signed, the form is locked and can only be unlocked by the PI or CRAN user.

Note: There is a 4mb file size limit.
Step 9. File Attachments

INSTRUCTIONS

General Information

1. Attachments are not required by the system in order to submit an Internal Form.
2. Some colleges, departments, and units request supporting documentation (e.g., budget, abstract, project description, etc.) in addition to the internal form for their review and approval. Please check with your authorized signatories for their specific requirements.
3. Attached files can be reviewed by the PI, Co-PI, and authorized signatories during the signature phase.
4. All file formats are accepted (e.g., PDF, Microsoft Word or Excel, Grants.gov application packages, etc.)
5. Multiple files may be included.
6. Any size file is accepted, but very large files could take several minutes to upload.

Uploading Files

1. To attach a file, click the Attach Files button. A new file attachment popup window will appear.
2. Use the browse button to locate the file on your computer. Then click Open.
3. Next, use the Attach button to upload the file and attach it to your Internal Form.
4. Click the View Previous Attachments link to view any attachments that you have uploaded.
5. When viewing attachments, click the delete link next to any file to delete it from your form.
6. When finished, close the file attachment popup window or click the Close Window link. You can then go to the next page and sign the Investigator Agreement if you are completely finished with your Internal Form.

Investigator Agreement

- The PI should read the Investigator's Statement, enter his or her PIN and click “Agree.”

Step 10. Investigator Agreement

INVESTIGATOR'S STATEMENT

My signature below certifies that:

1. I am not delinquent on any federal debt;
2. I am not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from current transactions by any federal department or agency;
3. I have not and will not lobby any federal agency on behalf of this award;
4. I am aware and agree to abide by the USF System Drug Free Workplace policy;
5. I am familiar with and will adhere to all USF System policies governing USF System Research Projects, including but not limited to policies governing human and animal research, conflicts of interest, nonpublic misconduct in research, and patents and technology transfer;
6. I agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the grant or contract that supports this proposed activity and, in consideration of the information and facilities made available to me by the USF System or the sponsor, to assign copyright and patent rights to the USF System in accordance with the terms and conditions of my employment contract.

Please enter your PIN and click the agree button to confirm that you have read and agree to the terms stated above.

PIN:  

Agree

If you cannot recall your PIN, click the Retrieve PIN link.
• If the PI did not complete the Internal Form to this stage, the PI should log into the Internal Form system. From the User Console, the PI should select “Incomplete Existing Forms.” The project title should appear in the list. The PI should click on the name of the project and review all information on the form and complete the compliance approvals and conflicts of interests sections prior to approval. If any information is incorrect, the PI should consult with his or her research administrator (or whoever completed the form) and make changes where appropriate. After completing the review, the PI should read the Investigator’s Statement and sign the form by entering his or her PIN and clicking “Agree.”

• Once approve by the PI an auto-generated email notification is sent to the Co-PIs (if any) then the Chair and Dean (or delegates).

Subject: Internal Form Online Submission - Robin Jones

Greetings,

An electronic Internal Form titled: Center for the Study of Research Administration has been completed by Robin Jones

You are designated as an authorized signing official (or alternate) on this form. Please sign-in to the ResearchOnline site to view and electronically sign the form.

The PIN that was emailed to you after user registration for the website will be necessary to sign the online Internal Form so please be certain that you have this information available.

Thank you for your time.

The Division of Research Resources Team

• Checking on the approval status

• A PI can check on the status of an Internal Form by accessing the Internal Form system and selecting “Complete and Pending Approval” from the User Console. The option will display the level (Co-PI, Chair, Dean) and the status (Pending, Approved, Denied) of each form.

• If changes are necessary after any signatures have been obtained, the form will need to be unlocked. To do this, the PI or CRAN user should select “Unlock a Completed Form” from the User Console. A “Temporary Withdrawal” email notification that the form has been unlocked will be sent to all who have previously approved the form. Changes can then be made.

Note: The revised form will need to be signed again by all parties.
Co-PI requests for approval will appear under “Co-Investigator Approval Requests” from the User Console. Co-PIs should review the form, and indicate their intent to participate by electronically signing the agreement.

- Internal Form users may update their user profile, change their password and/or their security question or retrieve their PIN from the User Console.

- CRAN users have additional capabilities/privileges:
  - Department Faculty List displays everyone in the department that has an Internal Form system account, their GEMS ID and Username.
  - Edit Authorized Signatories can be used to modify the Chair and Dean as well as their delegates within the department/college.
  - One cannot be both a CRAN user and a delegate.

- Administrator Access (Chair and/or Dean) have additional capabilities:
  - A PI can be both a faculty user and an Administrator (Chair/Dean/Delegate).
  - Departments can be added, edited or deleted from the Admin User Console.
  - Approval Requests are listed by PI and Title. Checkmarks identify those projects that have less than full F&A, involve cost sharing, and/or a conflict of interest.
  - Chairs, Deans (or Delegates) will not see all of the screens that a PI or CRAN user sees.
  - The Administrator should “Accept” or “Reject” the submission.
    - If it is accepted, click “Accept”, indicate the signing level (PI, Chair, Dean), enter his or her PIN, and click “Submit Decision.”
• If it is rejected, click “Reject”, complete the rejection comments so that the PI is aware why it is rejected, indicate the signing level (PI, Chair, Dean), enter his or her PIN, and click “Submit Decision.” The PI will be notified that the submission was rejected.

Timelines

The Internal Form should be completed before a proposal is submitted to a sponsor adhering to the new proposal submission guidelines.

Roles & Responsibilities

• **Responsible Party**: Faculty and/or Research Administrators are responsible for completing the Internal Form. Faculty are responsible for the content listed for their project. The Chair, Dean and/or delegates are responsible for any resources committed by the faculty and for the timely review and approval of forms for their area.

• **Workflow**: The CRAN and/or PI level enters the information into the Internal Form system. Then the Co-PIs (if any) are automatically notified via email that they need to review and approve the form. After any Co-PIs have approved, the Chair and delegates are automatically notified that they need to review and approve the form. Next, the Dean and delegates are notified that they need to review and approve the form. Finally, Sponsored Research is automatically notified once the form is fully signed.

• **Communications**: If the CRAN user starts the form for the PI, he or she needs to let the PI know when the Internal Form is ready for review and signature. After that, the system handles all notifications automatically.

Tools & Training

• [DSR Website References](#)
• [Preparing Proposals and Negotiating Awards](#)

Contacts

[Sponsored Research](#)

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