Streamlyne Electronic Research Administration System

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Following an intensive and thorough review process, the University of New Mexico has selected Streamlyne as the electronic system that will support the main and branch campus' research administration, replacing Cayuse. This will include pre-award proposal development and submission, award management (post-award), conflict of interest (COI), and IRB. We recognize this will entail many changes for UNM researchers and the staff who support them. Nevertheless, we are confident the resulting improvements will benefit all members of our research community. UNM IT is leading the Streamlyne implementation alongside the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) to ensure the transition is as smooth and efficient as possible and that disruptions to our research enterprise are avoided. The current timeline calls for the IRB and COI modules to launch in spring 2022, with full system launch of the proposal development and award modules going live in fall 2022.

Changing to a new electronic research administration software system was spurred, in part, by plans by the vendor of our current system, Cayuse, to implement a new version that would be equivalent to implementing a completely new system. Over the past year, a diverse group of Cayuse users gathered input on system features that would benefit our community, created a Request for Proposals, and carried out a thorough review of available systems. The review committee determined Streamlyne to be the best system to meet our needs and, following their recommendation, the IT Governance Council approved entering a contract to implement Streamlyne over the coming year.

Given the critical importance of this system to our entire research enterprise, our implementation process engages all levels of users of the system—Office of Sponsored Projects, Contract and Grant Accounting, Faculty Research Development Office, Conflict of Interest, Office of the IRB, departmental staff, and, of course, researchers. Other offices, including Human Resources, Graduate Studies, and Financial Services Management are included to ensure the system meets those units' needs and integrates effectively with other UNM systems. It's a complex process, but we are committed to doing this well!

System implementation also will include a robust education and training process and resources for users at all levels, both before the system is launched and continuing

after the launch. Training opportunities will include on-line, asynchronous sessions as well as virtual "hands-on" sessions and, as the public health situation allows, actual in-person training sessions. Interim Assistant VPR, Dr. Melissa Emery Thompson, will be helping to design and implement these opportunities, with a special focus on the faculty user perspective. As always, the Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO) is available to assist faculty with all aspects of proposal development.

UNM IT is developing a website (streamlyne.unm.edu) that will include a timeline for implementation, allow members of the UNM community to track project progress, and provide additional information about the system along with answers to frequently asked questions. The OVPR will provide regular updates to the UNM community, and we welcome questions and feedback about the implementation by email to assocvpr@unm.edu.

Thank you for all you do to grow and support research at UNM!

Sincerely,
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