



GRAMS Systems Frequently Asked Questions

What is changing?

The new Grants & Research Administration Management Suite, or GRAMS, will integrate the functions of Grants, Agreements, Conflict of Interest (COI), Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) into a single portal for principal investigators, reviewers, and each campus division, improving routing and business processes for more efficient submissions.

What is the timeline for this project?

Huron was acquired in Fall 2020 and will take about 18 months to fully implement, including the migration of data, training of faculty and staff as well as launching the system in staggered modules including grants, IACUC, Conflict of Interest (COI), IRB and ECC. The initial rollout will begin with IACUC which will be available September 1, 2021.

Should I be doing anything now to prepare for the upcoming changes?

Please be aware of new communications regarding updates to the GRAMS systems beginning in Fall 2021. Training for each module will be communicated as it becomes available in the Bridge and Learn HSC.

Why are we doing this?

The new, fully electronic system is a “one stop shop” for all research administration needs. It will enable faculty and staff to route and approve proposals, submit and manage IACUC and IRB protocols, submit most federal applications to grants.gov, and manage awards, contracts and agreements in one integrated dashboard. Additionally, the system will be able to create more robust reports and metrics, which will provide better insight into submission details for grants.

Which processes will be affected by this change?

Currently, changes to the new system through Summer 2022 will focus on Grants, Agreements, Conflict of Interest (COI), Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC).

How will this impact me as a researcher?

The beneficial impact will be the time saving potential of having one platform to manage all of your research needs. The system will allow you to see where your projects are in the process in real time, and facilitate faster communication between research teams and reviewers.

How will this impact active sponsored projects?

Active sponsored projects should not be impacted.

Will there be trainings conducted on the new software?

Training will be available on the Bridge and Learn HSC for all new users to the GRAMS systems as they are being released.

Will the old system still be an option?

Any software that has been used for the processes of research proposal submission and award management (such as Cayuse) will no longer be available. All data will be converted into the GRAMS systems.

When will my subject area switch to the new system?

UNT Denton and HSC will have similar timelines, with the initial launch of the GRAMS IACUC system in September 2021. UNT Dallas will begin with the launch of GRAMS Grants and Agreements in Spring 2022.

Do other institutions use this system? Which ones?

Yes, several higher education institutions have leveraged the Huron Suite systems including Arizona State University and The University of Washington, in addition to many other research institutions and industries.

Will I be able to log into this system remotely or via an app?

You will be able to log in using any web browser that the university supports using your UNT System credentials.

Where do I go to find the most current information about the project?

Each campus has a dedicated research website where information on GRAMS systems will be updated:

<https://www.unthsc.edu/research/GRAMS/>

<https://research.unt.edu/>

<https://www.untDallas.edu/huron-research-suite>