

CU BOULDER - eRA InfoEd

OIT Technical Reference Guide – Enable Portal

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Preface:

This guide provides an overview of the technical aspects of using the eRA InfoEd system.

Do NOT confuse this guide with a business process guide. *Only* the technical steps are included in this guide. Please refer to your departments business process guides for related assistance.



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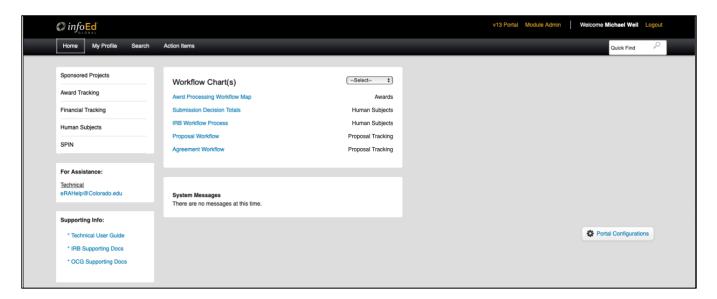


1. Searching

The first screen that appears when you login is referred to as the **Home Page**. Access the various modules of eRA from the sidebar menu on the left-side of this screen.

- **Sponsored Projects** Proposal Tracking (PT) is used to manage proposals, awards, and budget information.
- Award Tracking (AT) is used to track award status and workflow.
- Financial Tracking (FT) was used to manage project financial information when eRA
 was live from July 2015 through December 2015. This module was deactivated after the
 PeopleSoft Financial System was upgraded and integrated with eRA.
- Human Subjects The HS module is used to manage IRB protocols.

You can also access **My Profile**, for general user information, and you **Action Items** from the toolbar.



There are now multiple ways (5) to perform a Search within InfoEd Enable 812.01. All five can yield the same results, it depends on the criteria selected.



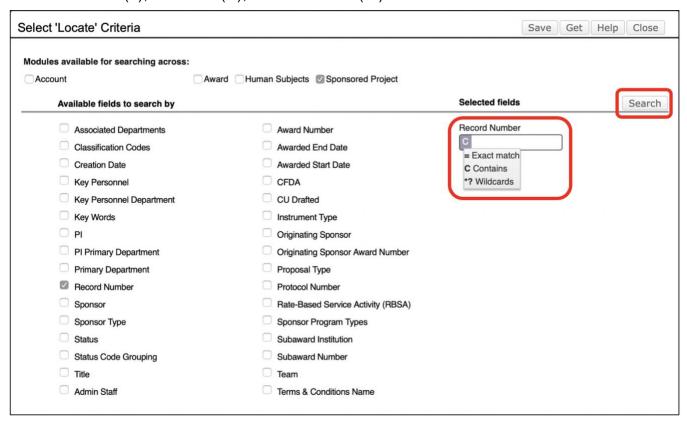
Option #1 - Module Specific

(This option will reference Sponsored Projects, but is applicable to all modules.)

- Step 1: Click on the according module from the left-hand menu.
- **Step 2:** On the new screen, click **Search** (to search for a new record) or **Show My Records** (to review records previously assigned to you).



Step 3: After clicking Search, you will have the option to search by different several fields. Select your desired field(s), enter the criteria. Some search fields require you to denote if it is an Exact match (=), Contains (C), or a Wildcards (*?). Click **Search.**



Step 4: To open the record, click on the Record Number to produce a dropdown with options for Proposal Development, Proposal Tracking (Edit or View), Overview Info, and Bookmark Record.

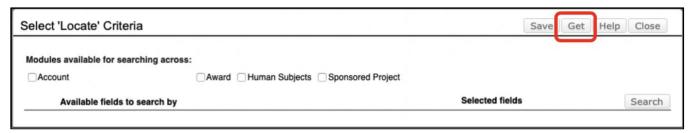


Option #2 - Saved Browse Searches

- Step 1: Click on the according module from the left-hand menu.
- Step 2: On the new screen, click Search (to search for a new record).



Step 3: Click Get in top-right corner of the window.



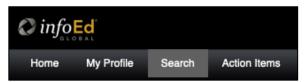
Step 4: Select the record from the list of previously Saved Browse Searches.



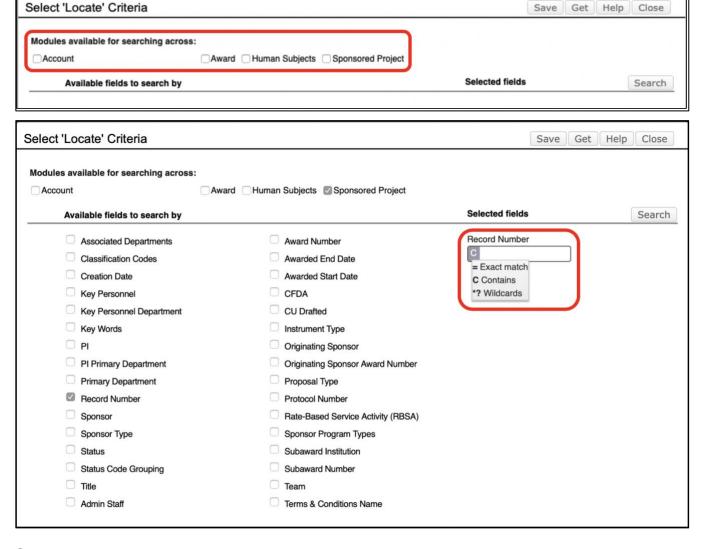


Option #3 - Search Button in Toolbar

Step 1: Click Search in the toolbar.



Step 2: Select the desired **module(s)** and then subsequent **search fields**. Some search fields require you to denote if it is an Exact match (=), Contains (C), or a Wildcards (*?). Click **Search** when you have entered your criteria.

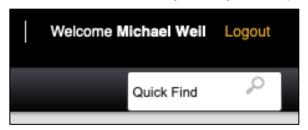


Step 3: To open the record, click on the Record Number to produce a dropdown with options for Proposal Development, Proposal Tracking (Edit or View), Overview Info, and Bookmark Record.



Option #4 - Quick Find

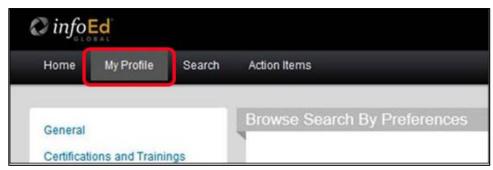
Step 1: Enter the record number in **Quick Find** in the toolbar at the top-right of the screen. Then **Enter/Return** on your keyboard. (Note – this will search across all modules.)



Step 2: To open the record, click on the Record Number to produce a dropdown with options for Proposal Development, Proposal Tracking (Edit or View), Overview Info, and Bookmark Record.

Option #5 – Browse Configurations

Step 1: Click on My Profile in the toolbar.

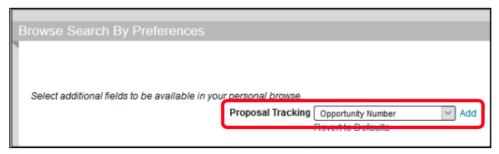


Step 2: Select Browse Configuration from the side menu (second from the bottom).





Step 3: On the first drop-down menu *Proposal Tracking*, select **Opportunity Number**.



Step 4: Click **Add** and then **Save** in the top right corner. – If you do not click Save, you will not see this as an option in search.

Step 5: Then go search, check **Sponsored Projects** and you will see Opportunity Number as an option.

Search Tips

- If you are unsure of what to search, use the wildcard placeholder [*] to pull many records at once.
- Use the wildcard placeholder [*] when filtering for all records that meet certain criteria.
 (e.g. Enter 19* in the *Proposal number* field to locate all proposals that begin with "19...")
- You can use a combination of criteria to help narrow your search results. (e.g. Enter 19* in the *Proposal number* field and the Investigator name in the *PI* field to locate all proposals with "19... and a specific PI".)

How to Save Searches Templates

Step 1: Conduct your normal search.

Step 2: Click Save.

Step 3: Enter the name of your **Saved Search** and click **Save**.



2. General Icons & Terms

Navigation buttons are located in the upper left-hand corner within the modules.

• Do not use [X] in the top-right of a screen to close a window. Only use *Done* in the top-left of the screen to close a window. If you click [X], you will not receive a prompt to save and will lose your unsaved data and you are *not* logged out of the record.

Common Terms:

- **Done** navigation to the main search window logout and close the window of the record, then navigate back to the main window.
- Save saves updates, save often, does not give a confirmation of saving.
- **Help** currently not using this feature go to <u>www.colorado.edu/era</u>.
- **History** opens information about the access history of the proposal page not available on all pages.
- **Hide/Show** hides/shows pop-up descriptions for various fields.

Note: User experience is *greatly influenced* by the browser in use.

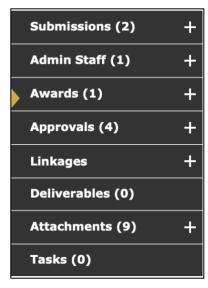
Icons are used to interact within modules.

Icon	Use
	To Open
6-2	To View
	To Edit
	To Preview
<u>*</u>	To Remove
	To Delete
&	To Forward
B -0	To view the Proposal Structure
[Import/Export]	To Export the budget to Excel or PDF



3. PT Master Record Navigation

Data is housed in the various links accessible from the left-hand navigation menu.



- You can click the [+] to expand the folder and see more details.
- The (#) behind each folder indicates the number of items in that folder.



Submissions – proposal records (*e.g. initial proposals, continuations, renewals, supplements, etc.*). Submissions may contain multiple records from the initial/main proposal to its renewals and continuations. Each Proposal record associated with the main proposal will have its own set of subfolders containing information related to that record. If the number behind Submissions is greater than one, that indicates a Master Proposal and *at least* one Child Proposal.





Awards – award information (*e.g. budget*, *terms and conditions*) This folder may contain multiple subfolders referred to as Periods or a Modification (Mods). A Period or Mod is created for every award increment that is received and for other administrative purposes. A blue subfolder will appear at the bottom of this list once the first mod is created and it links to the AT module.



Approvals – approval types and their statuses.

Linkages – links to related proposals and financial details for the project entered *while FT module was active between 6/29/15 and 12/3/15*.

Deliverables – reporting needs required by the sponsor.

Attachments – all documents stored for the proposal, award, subs, and modifications.



4. Create A New Proposal Record

There are two kinds of proposal records that can be created – a Master Record and a Child Record.

Master Record

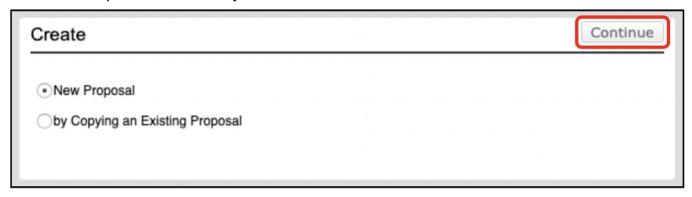
Step 1: Click Sponsored Projects. Then click Create New.



Step 2: Select one of the *Create* options and click **Continue**.

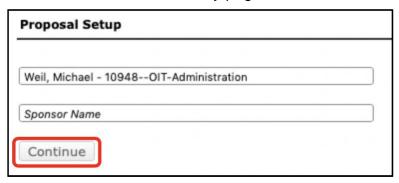
- New proposals can be created as a brand-new proposal or by copying an existing proposal.
- Before creating a proposal by copying, check to see if the original proposal was awarded. (Review the Award folder of that proposal.)

If the proposal was not awarded, proceed by clicking by Copying an Existing Proposal and carefully select what items to include from the checklist.





Step 3: Enter the **Sponsor Name** in the *Proposal Setup* and click **Continue**. You are directed to the **Submissions** summary page.



Principal Investigator (PI)

The PI field will auto-populate with the user who is logged in and create the record. Simply begin overtyping in this field with the **PI's Name**. A list will display.

- Many PIs have multiple appointments. Such PIs are listed multiple times by appointment. Select the proper appointment account to the correct org code.
- If a PI is not listed *and* you have confirmed that they do EXIST in HCM, inform the system administrator at erahelp@colorado.edu.
- If the PI is not in the list *and* you have confirmed they are NOT in HCM, contact the department to have the person added to HCM as a POI. (If this is not possible, contact erahelp@colorado.edu.)
- If the PI is *not listed* under the correct Org Code, select any with which they are associated you will edit the associated department later once the record is created.
- If you entered the incorrect PI and clicked **Continue**, see instructions on changing the PI in the *Add Personnel* section.

Sponsor Name

When setting up a new proposal, the sponsor is the: organization, agency, or institute from which the funding will come directly to CU. As with the PI field, begin typing the **Sponsor Name** in the field and a list will display.

- For example, if CU is the sub on a proposal submitted by University of Michigan to NSF, University of Michigan should be selected as the sponsor. In later steps, the prime sponsor is entered on the Sponsor page.
- When the sponsor is University of Colorado Denver, select University of Colorado at Denver/CU.
- Follow the established process to resolve the issue.





Child Proposal

There are two different approaches to creating a Child Proposal.

- 1. If it has been determined that this must be linked to a Master, within the Master Proposal, click **Add New PT**.
- 2. If the Child Proposal already exists as a Master Proposal, then make it a Child Proposal via Master Record Control.
 - If there is an award already created on the Proposal, then create a ticket via eRAhelp@colorado.edu.
 - The eRA team will clean-up the necessary information (delete the award record associated with the Child record) before you proceed.
 - You may need to recreate the Child Award increment on the Master Record once the eRA team is finished.

You will see separate proposals with Master/Child, but the Award is only displayed with the Master, not the Child.

To edit the Master/Child proposal relationship, follow these steps:

Step 1: Open the **Summary** page of the proposal that needs to be changed.

Step 2: Click **Master Record Control** at the top of the page.



Step 3: To make this a Child Proposal, **enter the proposal number** of the master record.

Step 4: Click the Save icon.

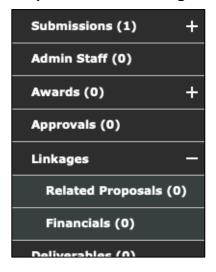




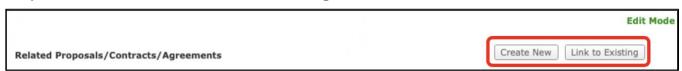
Related Proposals

When proposals are related, they remain independent. Refer to the business practice to determine if they are Master/Child or Related.

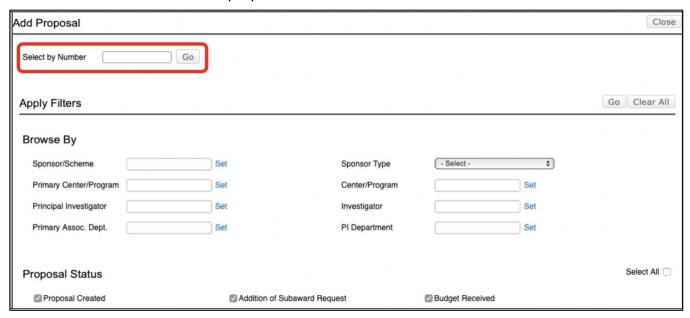
Step 1: Click the Linkages in left-side menu. Then click Related Proposals.



Step 2: Click Create New or Link to Existing.

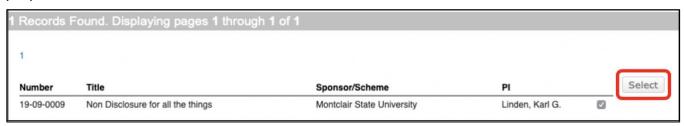


Step 3: Locate the proposal by entering the original proposal's number in the **Search by Number** field. Alternately, if you do not have the exact proposal number, you can apply filters and statuses to browse for the proposal.





Step 4: The proposal will appear at the bottom of the window. Check the box next to the proposal and click **Select**.



The proposals are now related. They can be accessed/viewed from the *Related Proposals* folder.



5. Create An Award Record

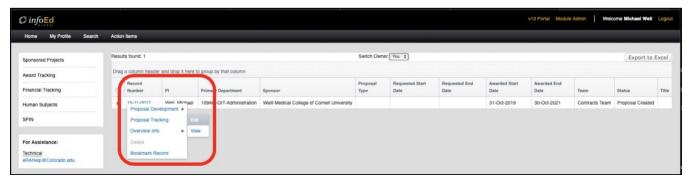
When logging an award, the user must first determine if a new period or a new modification is warranted.

Sponsored Proj > Search > Click Rec No > Proposal Tracking > Edit > PT > Awards > New Period or New Modification

Step 1: Click **Sponsored Projects** in the side-bar menu. Search for the record.



Step 2: Click on the **Record Number** to reveal the dropdown. Then click **Edit** under *Proposal Tracking*.

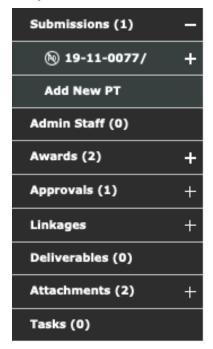


Step 3: On the Submission Summary screen, click PT under Open.





Step 4: In the side-bar click Awards.

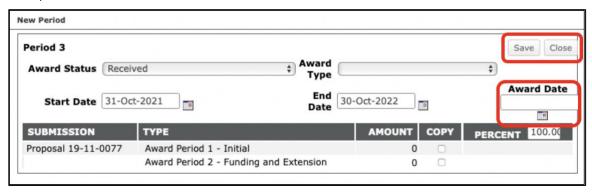


Step 5: Click on either New Period or New Modification at the top of the screen.





Step 6: In the pop-up window, select the **Award Type** and enter the **Award Date** (today's date). Click **Save** then click **Close**.



Note:

- Checking the **Copy** box of a budget period, copies over the budget and the personnel data from the proposed budget.
 - Enter a percentage of the budget you want to copy in the **Percent** field to copy without dollars.
- Dates may be entered as six, eight, or ten digits and will format to the *Universal Date Format* (e.g. 02-Oct- 2018). Options for entering this date include the following:
 - 100218 (MMDDYY)
 - o 10022018 (MMDDYYYY)
 - 10/02/18 (MM/DD/YY)
 - o 10/02/2018 (MM/DD/YYYY)
 - 10-02-18 (MM-DD-YY)
 - 10-02-2018 (MM-DD-YYYY)

Step 7: When the pop-up window closes, click **Save** on the main Awards page to see the new period.

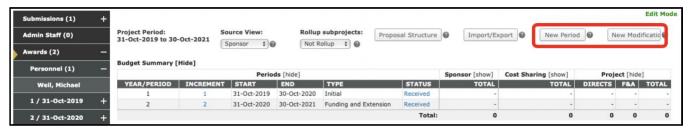


6. Add A Modification

After the first period is created, the main **Awards** page will display two options: **New Period** or **New Modification**.

Using the Award Processing Framework, determine if the mod can be logged under an existing period or if a new period needs to be created.

- If creating a New Period, refer to previous section.
- If creating a **New Modification**, an increment will be created within the current period and open to the **Increment Detail** page.

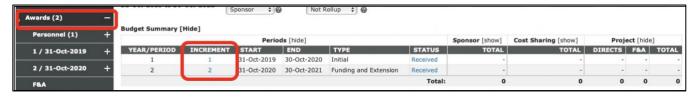




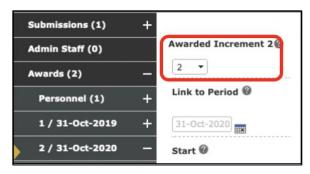
7. Correcting A Modification Logged Under The Wrong Period

If a modification was incorrectly logged under a **NEW PERIOD**, correcting this issue is simple:

- Step 1: Click on Awards in the left-hand menu.
- **Step 2:** Click on the according **Increment Number** in the *Increment* column.



Step 3: In the new window, you can adjust the **Award Increment** using the drop-down. Then click **Save** in the toolbar.



If a modification was incorrectly logged under the **EXISTING PERIOD** when a new period should have been created instead, the logger must re-log the award and request the incorrect increment to be deleted.

Step 1: Open Awards Summary.

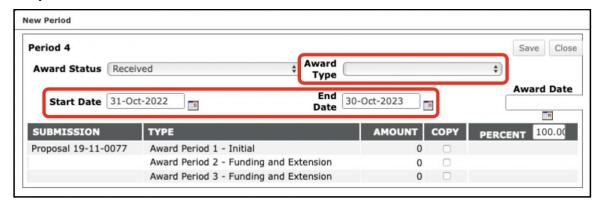
Step 2: Click New Period.





Step 3: Enter the correct **Start Date** and **End Date** and select the correct **Award Type**. (Do NOT copy from the old/incorrect increment.)

Step 4: Click Save.



Step 5: Open the old/incorrect increment and rename it "DELETE ME" in the **Award No.** field.



Step 6: Request this increment to be deleted by notifying the help desk at erahelp@colorado.edu.

Step 7: Return to the new/correct increment and process the Award.

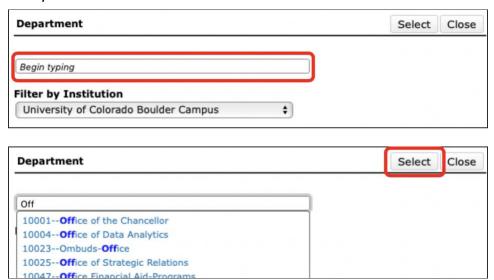


8. Add Associated Departments

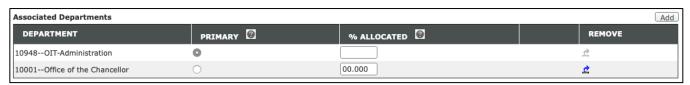
- **Step 1:** Open the *Summary* page of the proposal and scroll to **Associated Departments**.
- **Step 2:** Click **Add**. A pop-up window will appear.



Step 3: In the *Department* pop-up window enter the name or organization code of the department you would like to add. Leave the filter set to *University of Colorado Boulder Campus.* – Click **Select**.



The newly added department will appear in the list. – Users associated with any of these departments will be able to access and view this proposal record.



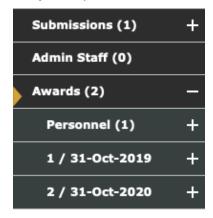


9. Add Personnel

There are two approaches to add personnel, the *Personnel Table* or the *Awards Personnel Folder*. Use the option with which you have the most familiarity.

Proposal Personnel Table

Step 1: Open the **Awards** or **Increments** page of an awarded proposal.



There is a table for Personnel on each of these pages in the Personnel folder.

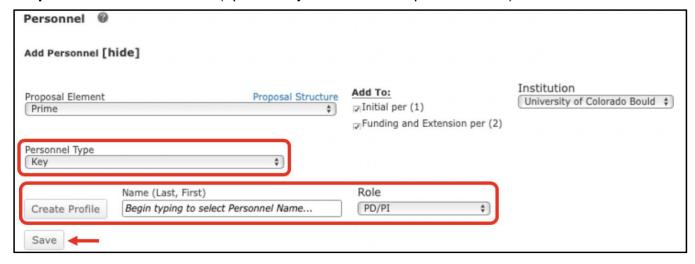


Step 2: In the **Personnel Name** field, add any of the identifiers indicated to pull up a filtered list to select from.

- Part of their name
- Dept/Org number

Step 3: Select the Personnel Type and Role from the drop-down menus.

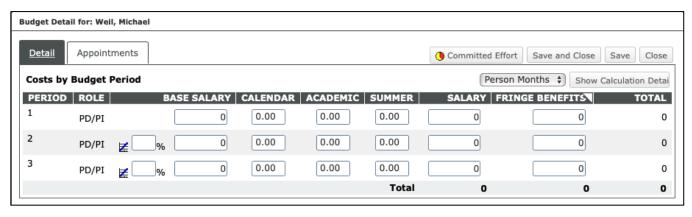
Step 4: Click Create Profile (optional if you want to add profile details). Then click Save.





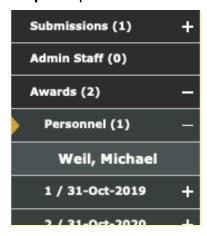
Step 5: In the *Budget Details* window, you can enter salary (*current business practice does not require this*) and choose which increment/period with which they are associated.

 When adding from the Awards summary page, the default is to add them to all the increments.



Awards Personnel Folder

Step 1: Open the Personnel folder under Awards.



Step 2: If hidden, click **[show]** at the top of the page to reveal the **Add Personnel** form.





Step 3: Select the increments the Personnel is active for under the **Add To:** section.

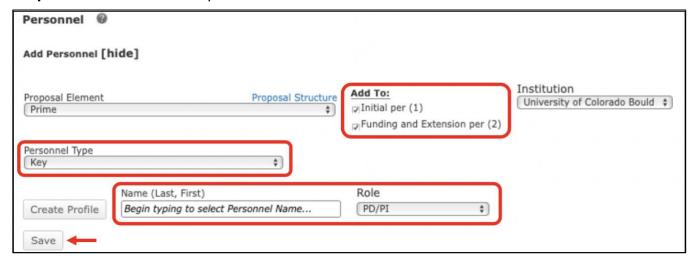
Step 4: Select Personnel Type from the drop-down.

Step 5: In the **Personnel Name** field, type in either of the identifiers indicated below to pull up a filtered list from which you can select.

- Part of their name
- Dept/Org number

Step 6: Select Role from the drop-down list.

Step 7: Click Save in the top-left toolbar.



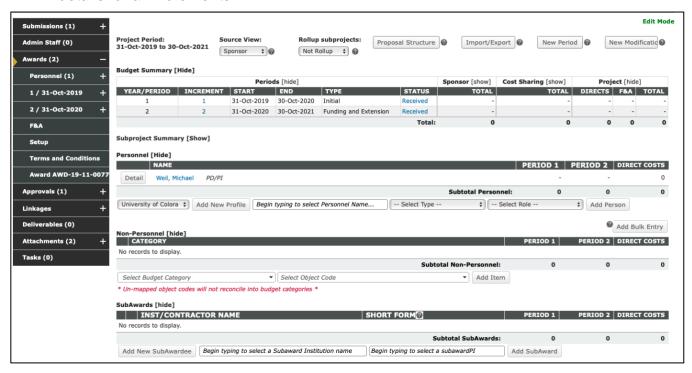


10. Budget Information

Budget Details

Awards – (Level 1 Summary)

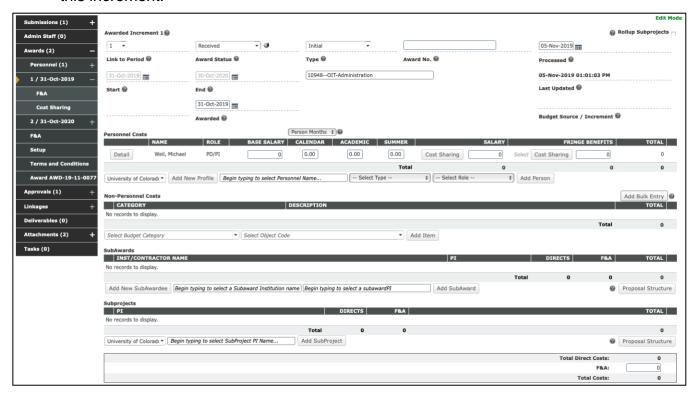
- Budget Summary (the table at the top of the page) outlines high-level details (dates, type, total costs) for each increment.
- Personnel, Non-Personnel Costs, and SubAwards tables show summary budget details for all increments.





Increment 'X' – (Level 2 Summary)

 Personnel, Non-Personnel Costs, and SubAwards tables show summary details for this increment.



Personnel Costs/Non-Personnel Costs

Add personnel to this increment under **Personnel Costs**.

For instructions, see the <u>Personnel section</u>.

Enter/edit budget items under Non-Personnel Costs.

- If a budget line with Budget Category AND Object/Account Code already exists, you can overwrite the amount in the Total field. Click Save after editing.
- You can also add additional budget items by using either Bulk Entry or Add Item ("one-at-a- time").



Add SubAwards

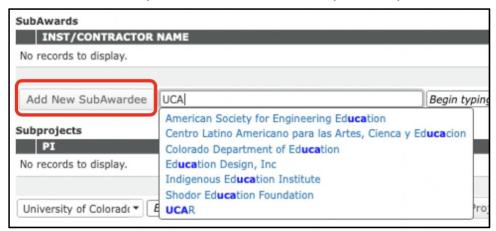
A SubAward/Short Form can be added from either the **Awards** (summary) or **Increment** (detail) pages.

Step 1: You may need to un-hide/show the section.



Step 2: In the *SubAwards* section, begin typing in the **Sub Awardee's institution**.

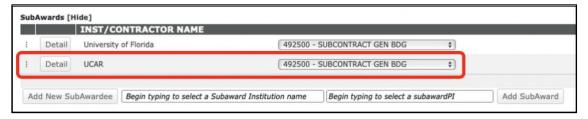
Note: You MUST select the institution from the picklist – typing in the rest of the name does not necessarily associate it with the entity in the system.



Step 3: Begin typing the Pl's name. **You Must select person from the picklist**. Then click **Add SubAward**. Close the pop-up window.



The sub is now listed under the SubAward table and is visible across ALL Periods and Increments – even if it is only active on some. On the **Awards** summary page, green and red triangles indicate on which periods they are active.





Step 5: Click on the **Detail** button located on the left-side of the line to enter the budget for the Sub.

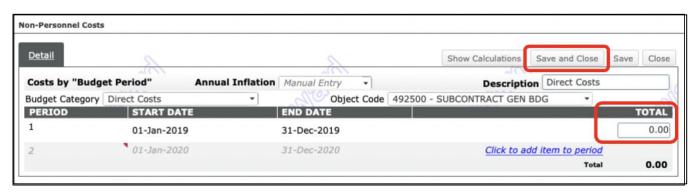


Step 6: Select the **budget category** under Non-Personnel (Direct Costs) and **account code** (460000 OP EX BGT) from the drop-down menu.

Step 7: Click Add Item.



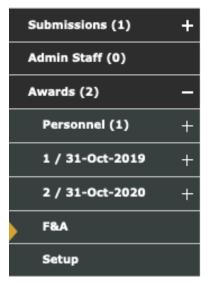
Step 8: In the pop-up window, enter the amount awarded to the Sub. Click Save and Close.





11. Enter F&A

Step 1: Open the **F&A** page under the increment.



You may manually enter the F&A amount in the F&A field of the Budget page, or select to enter it from the F&A screen. Manually added F&A amounts in the F&A field of the detail budget may be applied to each period independently. However, F&A calculations based on the Master Rate, Base, or Scheme will be applied across all budget periods. – In the *Source View* drop-down, ensure the option selected is **Sponsor**. This field determines where the F&A dollars are applied. (i.e. If on *Institution*, this will count as *cost share*.)

Step 2: From the F&A screen you have 2 options:

Option #1

Let the system calculate the F&A amount based on the selected Rate and Base or Scheme. – This option will apply the selected Base and Rate or Scheme across all increments (Periods and Modifications). If other selections are made on another increment in the future, the system may try to stick to the original selections and display inconsistent behavior.

Step 1: Select the *Base* and *Rate* or select a *Scheme*.

* Notice as you make these selections, they may alter the other selections at the top of the F&A screen, as well as the amounts and percentages.

Each line item from the *Detail* screen will appear in the *F&A* screen. For personnel, there will be two entries called *Labor* and *Employee Benefits*.

Step 2: Click **Save** in the stationary toolbar to retain your work before moving to another screen.



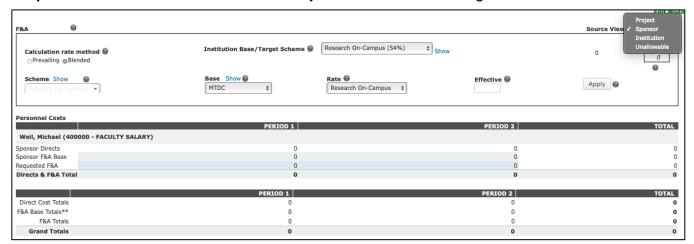
Option #2

You may manually enter dollar amounts and percentages for those categories that are included in the F&A calculations.

- **Step 1:** Select the **Manual Entry** from the *Rate* drop down. Click **Apply**.
- **Step 2:** Manually **enter an amount** in the *F&A Amount* field or the *Master Rate* field.
- **Step 3:** Watch the amounts in the *Budget Category Item* area of the screen and adjust your selection.

Each line item from the *Detail* screen will appear in the *F&A* screen. For personnel, there will be two entries called *Labor* and *Employee Benefits*.

Step 4: Click Save in the toolbar to retain your work before moving to another screen.





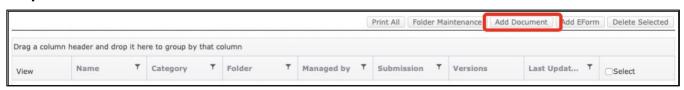
12. Attachments

eRA Instructions

Step 1: Open the **Attachments** folder housed under the specific proposal record for which the documents to be attached apply. *Do not add documents under the main Attachments folder.*



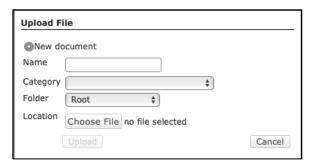
Step 2: Click the Add Document button.





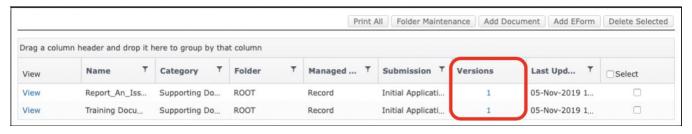
Step 3: In the *Upload File* window, enter/select the file information according to Attachment Conventions.

- 1. Choose **New document** if there are no current versions of the attachment.
- 2. Choose **New version of existing document** if attaching a final, revised version of an existing attachment submitted to the sponsor. When new versions are uploaded:
 - The number in the Versions column reflects how many versions of a document have been uploaded.
 - The most recent version opens when clicking the icon in the *View Latest* column.
 - Previous versions can be accessed by clicking on the *History* icon in the according column.



Revising Attachment Details

Step 1: To edit attachment details (e.g. name, category, folder), click on the **Versions Number** in the according column.



Step 2: Make the edits directly in the fields on the Document Detail page.



Step 3: Click Save in the top-left toolbar when finished.



13. Approvals

An approval can only be added to a specific proposal; however, all approvals are connected to the award. In the left sidebar navigation, open the appropriate proposal record and click on the **Approvals** folder.



Note: Make sure you have accessed the correct Approvals folder housed under the Submissions folder. There is master Approvals folder farther down the navigation pane; however, this folder leads to "View Only" access. You will know you are in the correct folder if, in the upper right-hand corner, you see a green box labeled "Edit Mode."



Add An Approval

Step 1: Click Approvals in the side menu.

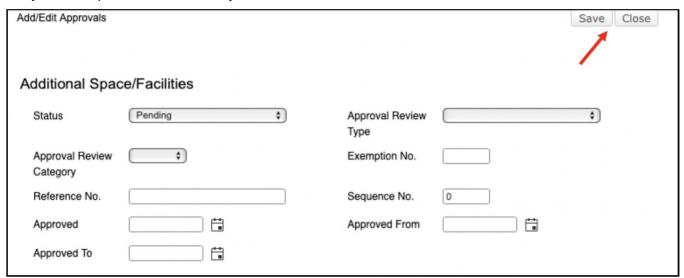
Step 2: Click Add Approval.

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Step 3: In the new window, select the Type and Protocol. Then click Continue.



Step 4: Complete the necessary fields. Click Save and Close.



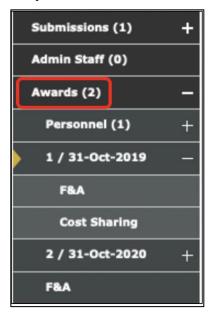
The new Approval will appear.



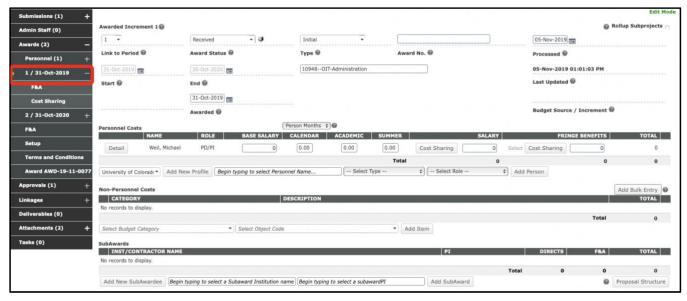


14. AT Navigation

Step 1: Click on Awards under Submissions.



Step 2: Click the Award Increments folder in the left navigation to see the awards.





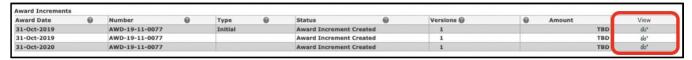
15. View And Update AT > Award Increment Statuses

Step 1: Open the **Awards** folder from the left sidebar navigation.

Step 2: Click on the **according increment**.



Step 3: The Award Increments *Summary* page will open in a new window or tab. The most recent status for each increment will display in the table. You can **View** the status.





Step 4: To see the complete status history, open the award increment by clicking on the link in the sidebar navigation.

