RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION SEPTEMBER 2025 UPDATE

EMORY UNIVERSITY | Research Administration

Video Message from VPRA, Dr. Robert Nobles

Hello from the Office of Research Administration!

Please take a few minutes to watch this **special video message** from Dr. Robert Nobles. As always, thank you for your ongoing commitment to research excellence and partnership!

Featured Events

SVPR Town Hall: NIH's Public Access Policy for Publications

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SVPR Town Hall: NIH's Public Access Policy for Publications

Amanda Wilson
Associate University Librarian, Director
WHSC Library

Deepika Bhatia
Associate Vice President
Research Integrity Officer

Chris Kellner
Deputy General Counsel, Senior Intellectual Property Specialist

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET

The National Institutes of Health announced in June that it **now requires Author Accepted Manuscripts accepted for publication in a journal, on or after July 1, 2025, to be submitted to PubMed Central upon acceptance for publication, for public availability without embargo upon the Official Date of Publication**.

Join Emory leaders next week for another online Town Hall discussion about these recent developments in the federal research landscape.

We will focus mostly on answering your pre-submitted questions in this session, so click on the buttons below to register and engage.

Register in Zoom | **Submit a Question**

Featured Highlights

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FY2025 Annual Satisfaction Survey

The Office of Research Administration has launched our annual researcher survey. This survey is your opportunity to provide **confidential feedback** on your experiences with offices responsible for facilitating Research Administration.

We greatly value your input and use your feedback to gain a deeper understanding of our areas of strength and opportunities. This survey is intended to capture your reflections on Emory research administrative services and interactions over the past fiscal year (FY25).

The survey will be active until **COB Friday, October 10, 2025** and this year's results will again be shared in various formats and meetings **beginning in 2026**.

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FY2025 Annual Satisfaction Survey

Insight Grants Management System - September 2025 Update

The rollout of the Insight application has been successfully completed, with over 1,500 individuals to date accessing the system across all three modules. Identified issues are being prioritized based on business impact, and the project team is actively working with Insight to implement appropriate resolutions.

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EMORY UNIVERSITY | Research Grants and Contracts

RGC Award Closeout Updates (September 2025)

The Research Grants and Contracts (RGC) team continues to make significant strides in addressing the backlog of sponsored awards pending closeout. As of August 31, 2025, RGC—working in close collaboration with institutional stakeholders—has successfully reduced the number of overdue closeouts from approximately 3,500 to 1,001. This milestone includes all awards that expired prior to April 30, 2025, and reflects the collective dedication, agility, and problem-solving of our university community.

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Approved Research Policy Updates

The below policies have recently been approved for the Office of Research Administration.

- **Effort Reporting**
- **Policy 7.29 - Billing Coverage for Uninsured or Injured Research Subjects**
- **Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight (Policy 7.81)**

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Effort Reporting at Emory University: Pathway to Full Compliance

RAS Unit	COMPLETED		DELINQUENT	
RAS_ABOSS- ABOSS	2,368	99.7%	6	0.3%
RAS_BASICSCI- Basic Sciences	1,957	99.8%	3	0.2%
RAS_CI- RAS - Cancer & Imaging	1,424	99.2%	11	0.8%
RAS_ECAS- College of Arts and Sciences	1,573	100.0%		
RAS_EPC- Emory Primate Center	1,310	97.3%	36	2.7%
RAS_EVPAA- EVP AA	68	100.0%		
RAS_EVPBA- Exec VP for Bus Admin	520	99.6%	2	0.4%
RAS_EVPHA- EVP HA	33	91.7%	3	8.3%
RAS_HOSP- Hospital & Specialty Svc	1,160	99.8%	2	0.2%
RAS_LAMPS- Libraries and Museums	313	99.7%	1	0.3%
RAS_LGS- Laney Graduate School	1,444	99.4%	9	0.6%
RAS_MED- Dept of Medicine	2,577	99.9%	3	0.1%
RAS_ORA- Office of Research	37	100.0%		
RAS_OXFORD- Oxford College	34	100.0%		
RAS_PED- Pediatrics	1,970	99.4%	12	0.6%
RAS_PH- School of Public Health	2,779	100.0%		
RAS_SON- Nursing	607	99.5%	3	0.5%
RAS_UNCLASSIFIED- Unclassified	728	99.6%	3	0.4%
Grand Total	20,902	99.6%	93	0.4%

Effort reporting is an essential compliance process for all faculty and staff who receive salary support from sponsored projects at Emory University. It serves as the official affirmation that salaries charged to awards reflect the actual work performed, based on the proportion of total institutional effort rather than on hours or days. This process is not only a federal requirement but also central to maintaining Emory's integrity in research and financial reporting. Timely and

accurate certification ensures that Emory remains eligible for funding, demonstrates transparency to our sponsors, and upholds our commitment to ethical stewardship of resources.

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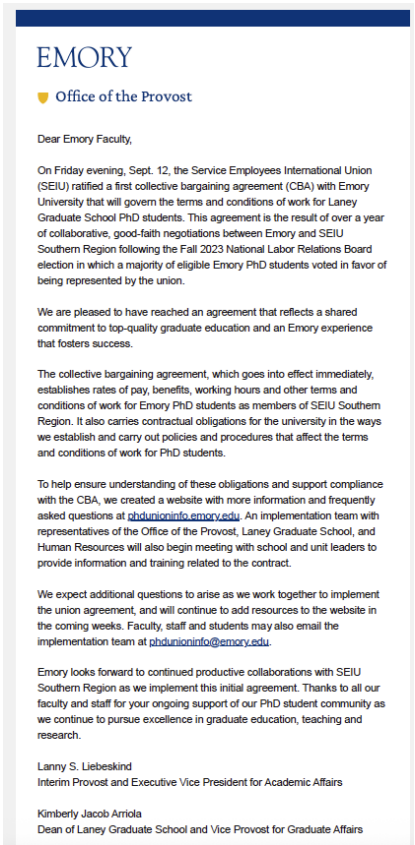
In Case You Missed It

Office of the Provost: PhD Union Contract Agreement Email



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Office of the Provost

Dear Emory Faculty,

On Friday evening, Sept. 12, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) ratified a first collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with Emory University that will govern the terms and conditions of work for Laney Graduate School PhD students. This agreement is the result of over a year of collaborative, good-faith negotiations between Emory and SEIU Southern Region following the Fall 2023 National Labor Relations Board election in which a majority of eligible Emory PhD students voted in favor of being represented by the union.

We are pleased to have reached an agreement that reflects a shared commitment to top-quality graduate education and an Emory experience that fosters success.

The collective bargaining agreement, which goes into effect immediately, establishes rates of pay, benefits, working hours and other terms and conditions of work for Emory PhD students as members of SEIU Southern Region. It also carries contractual obligations for the university in the ways we establish and carry out policies and procedures that affect the terms and conditions of work for PhD students.

To help ensure understanding of these obligations and support compliance with the CBA, we created a website with more information and frequently asked questions at phdunioninfo.emory.edu. An implementation team with representatives of the Office of the Provost, Laney Graduate School, and Human Resources will also begin meeting with school and unit leaders to provide information and training related to the contract.

We expect additional questions to arise as we work together to implement the union agreement, and will continue to add resources to the website in the coming weeks. Faculty, staff and students may also email the implementation team at phdunioninfo@emory.edu.

Emory looks forward to continued productive collaborations with SEIU Southern Region as we implement this initial agreement. Thanks to all our faculty and staff for your ongoing support of our PhD student community as we continue to pursue excellence in graduate education, teaching and research.

Lanny S. Liebeskind
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kimberly Jacob Arriola
Dean of Laney Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs

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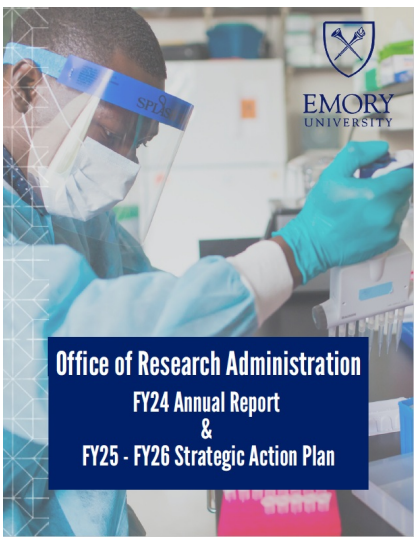
ORA FY24 Annual Report & Strategic Action Plan FY25 - FY26



Read the Latest ORA Annual Report & Strategic Action Plan

Federal Agency Updates

Important Update for Pre-Award Research Administrators: NIH Funding Opportunities Transition to Grants.gov

grantforward
Start moving your research forward

This notice is to inform the extramural community of a significant change in how the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will disseminate its funding opportunities. According to NOT-OD-25-143, starting in federal fiscal year 2026 (October 1, 2025), the NIH will no longer post Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) in the *NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts*. Instead, Grants.gov will become the sole official source for all NIH grant and cooperative agreement funding opportunities.

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Department Updates

Emory Clinical Research Office (ECRO)

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New Department: Emory Clinical Research Office (ECRO)

Effective June 1, 2025, OCR and WISC have combined to streamline and simplify research operations at Emory. The newly formed department is now known as the Emory Clinical Research Office (ECRO) and is led by R. Donald Harvey, Vice President for Clinical Research, and Robin Ginn, Associate Vice President for Clinical Research, under the Woodruff Health Sciences Center. ECRO includes the following divisions: Pre-Award, Clinical Trials Compliance, Clinical Research Support Services (CRSS), and Post-Award Invoicing.

This merger marks the first step in a larger effort to align resources and expertise in support of the Emory research community. As ECRO moves forward, the department is committed to strengthening communication with our research partners, improving operational efficiency, accelerating trial activation timelines, reducing financial deficits, and increasing transparency across all processes.

Within FY2026, ECRO will introduce a new website and other communication channels for your needs. For now, continue using OCR's website and email address for your research needs, questions, or concerns. If you would like more information, you can contact **ocr@emory.edu**.

Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO)

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Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) Updates - September 2025

As a result of the recent changes in research funding EHSO-Research Safety has received several requests for Biosafety approvals for new Just in Time (JIT) applications and other continuing/renewal funding. Please remember to submit protocols for renewal by the renewal submission date listed in the approval letter. Protocol submission also includes up-to-date training and occupational health requirements as applicable. EHSO is committed to our collaborations and partnerships with the research community and will continue to facilitate and support safe research activities at Emory University.

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Office of Research Development (ORD)

Podcast: Impact in Progress

A podcast about research that is transforming the world from Emory University.

Impact In Progress is a podcast of Emory University's Office of the Senior Vice President for Research, where we talk about Emory's research, scholarship, and creative activity and the impact it's having on the world around us in Atlanta, the state of Georgia, and beyond. Created and hosted by: Dr. Kimberly Eck with Victor Zamora, Dena Reinoso, Erica Pitre, and Chat With Leaders Media.

Listen to the Latest Episode

Research Grants and Contracts (RGC)

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New RPA Notification to Subrecipients

We are pleased to announce the launch of a new email notification process through Emory's Robotic Process Automation (RPA), designed to support our subrecipients and RAS teams with timely, consistent communications. We're excited about this automated notification process to help ensure compliance and make managing Emory sub awards smoother for everyone. The new process will go live on September 15, 2025.

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Faculty Feedback Form

Do you have feedback in reference with Research Administration? We would love to hear from you.

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