

Effortless Facts September 2020 Edition

From Financial Compliance for Research!



Once again, we send out a big **THANK YOU to the effort community!** 100% of the 6,126 effort statements with federal effort in the January – April 2020 period were certified timely, making it the fifth certification period in a row without a write-off! Your diligence in pursuing perfection is most appreciated!



Salaried, Non-Exempt employees will transition from Salaried, Monthly to Hourly, Biweekly effective November 1. In conjunction with this change, effort and pay information for all hourly employees, from November 1 forward, will be downloaded to ECC on a nightly basis, creating hourly effort statements. Those hourly effort statements that include effort on federally sponsored projects will require certification when the fall term certification period opens on February 5, 2021, as announced on [Bev's 8/14 email](#).




The NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide limits compensation reimbursement requested in proposal budgets for senior project personnel to no more than 2 months of their regular salary in any one year from all NSF-funded sponsored research awards. **Guidance for defining the 'year' and complying with the NSF's 2-Month Salary Rule for Senior Personnel** has been added to our [website](#).



Workshop Registration is available on our [website](#) for September and October training dates. We have modified our format to accommodate remote attendance. SPAR and ECC users must complete training before gaining access to these systems. Many of our experienced Department and Grant Administrators have opted to take advantage of the Staff Early Retirement Program. If roles in your area will be transitioning, please take advantage of these Fall 2020 workshops.

[FCR Website](#)
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			SPAR in query-only mode from 5:00 pm on 9/2 through 6:00 am on 9/8 for month-end closing				
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		Effort Statement Pre-Review for Effort Coordinators Begins in ECC		Basics of Effort Reporting Workshop 9:00 – 11:00 am			
SPAR in query-only mode from 5:00 pm on 9/2 through 6:00 am on 9/10 for month-end closing							
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
	ECC Effort Coordinator Workshop				SPAR in query-only mode from Midnight - 11:00 am for payroll processing		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
	Introduction to SPAR Workshop				HAPPY RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR'S DAY!		
27	28	29	30	OCT 1	2	3	
			Reminder to remove SPAR effort from closed awards for the Sept- Dec period to prevent 0% federal lines requiring certification.		Certification Period Opens		