RAS-Grants Continuation/Progress Report User Guide

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OVERVIEW:

In order to comply with sponsors' reporting requirements, we use RAS-Grants to capture information about the award. Any changes in compliance information must not only be reported to the funding agency, but also require internal protocols to be active and in place for work on the project to continue. With input from the PI and/or their AC, the Continuation/Progress Report allows The Rockefeller University to meet its management, compliance, and reporting obligations.

Continuation Process

PIs and/or their ACs will receive automated reminders sixty (60) and thirty (30) days prior to the deadline. You are encouraged to reach out your SPO at this time to review the subsequent year's budget and address any required reallocations. In RAS-Grants, initiate the Continuation/Progress to enter any changes in compliance information about the project in the SmartForms, such as updated IACUC/IRB protocols and changes in personnel. This is in addition to and separate from any required sponsor forms. The PI or AC uploads the Continuation/Progress Report attachments to the SmartForms and submits to their SPO for review. Once the Continuation/Progress Report is approved in RAS-Grants, the report can be submitted to the sponsor.

The PI must complete the PI Certification in RAS-Grants in order for the record to be submitted to the SPO for review.

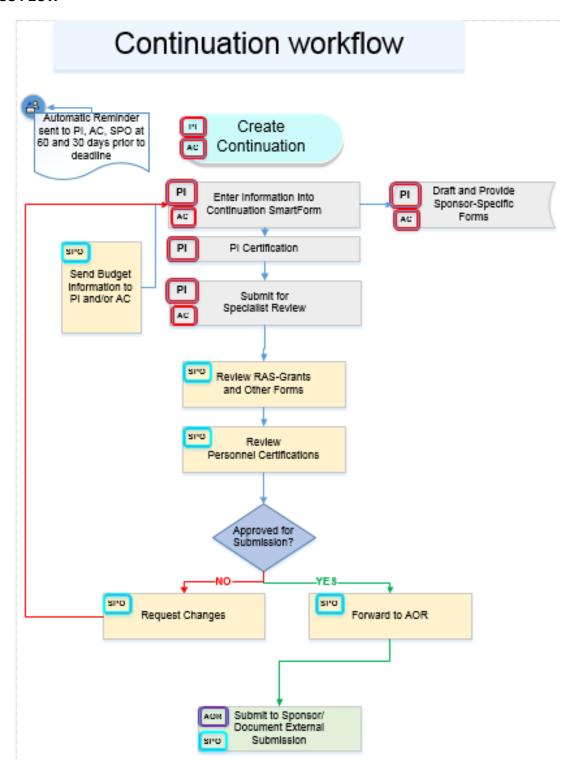
This process is also summarized in the flowchart on the following page.

Roles

RAS-Grants will move a proposal through the Rockefeller process, notifying each party of its obligations on the application:

- **PI** (Principal Investigator): Initiates the application, uploads all attachments, and approves the proposal for submission.
- AC (Administrative Contact): Can perform all PI functions, except PI certifications.
- PT (Proposal Team): Participants on the project, who can be assigned to read only or edit.
- SPO (Sponsored Programs Officer): Supports PI in determining application requirements, drafting and revising the budget, and reviewing the proposal for Rockefeller.
- AOR (Authorized Organizational Representative): Performs final institutional review, and submits proposal (as required by the sponsor).

PROCESS FLOW



Before you begin, a few notes:

- Be sure to allow pop-ups for the RAS-Grants system.
- Questions with a red asterisk (*) are required.
- At the top and bottom each page is a list of functions. Click either the "Save" or the "Continue" button to save your work. Clicking "Exit" will prompt you to save any changes.



PROCEDURES

A. Logging in to RAS-Grants

- 1. Type this link in your web browser: https://rasgrants.rockefeller.edu
- 2. Type your User Name and Password (same as your RU logon) in the appropriate fields.
- 3. Click Login.
- 4. Click the Grants link at the top of the page. This will direct you to your Grants workspace.



5. To logout, click the Logout link located at the top right hand corner of the screen.

B. Continuation Development

1. Reminder Notification

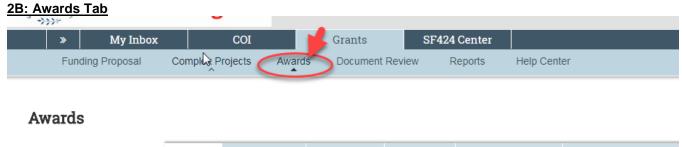
Sixty (60) days and thirty (30) days prior to the due date of the Progress report, you will receive a Notification from RAS-Grants system alerting you to the upcoming deadline. Follow the steps below to capture the information previously collected on the Institutional Routing Form, provide Certifications, and route to your SPO.

2. Locating Appropriate Award

2A: Grants Tab

You can click on the link included in the email notification and skip to Step 3 on Page 7, or go to the Grants tab in RAS-Grants.







2C: Active Awards and Selection

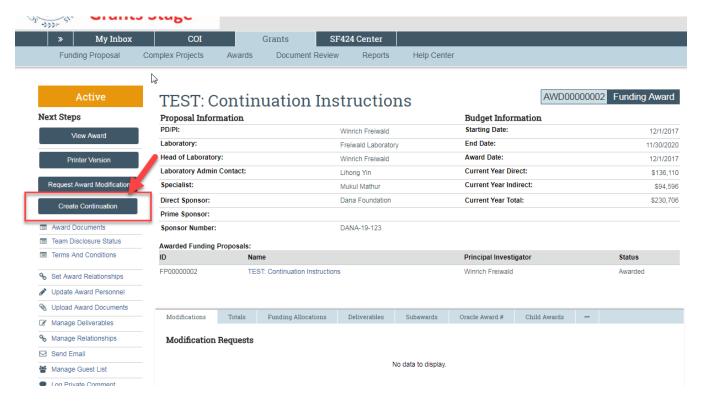
Click on Active Awards. This will pull up all of your currently active awards. Click on the Name of the award needing a Continuation.



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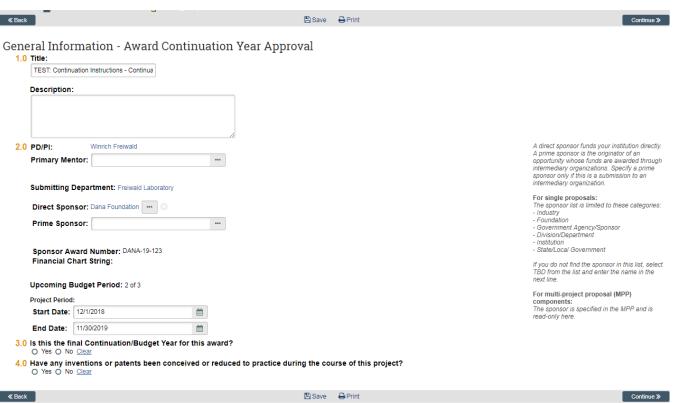
3. Create Continuation

This will take you into the Award workspace. On the left hand side of the page you will see a project creator "Create Continuation." Click on this to launch the Continuation Smartform.



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4: Continuation SmartForm: General Information

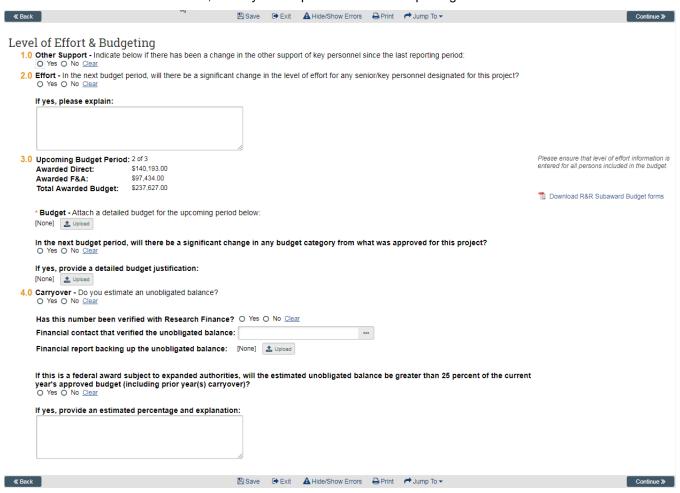


Field Name	Field Description/Purpose
1.0 Title	This pulls in from the award and is appended with " – Continuation" at the end. You may add a description in the text box below, if desired (e.g., "Progress report for year 2" etc.)
2.0 PD/PI:	These fields are filled in automatically from the award, as applicable.
Primary Mentor:	
Submitting Department:	
Direct Sponsor:	
Prime Sponsor:	
Sponsor Award Number:	
Financial Chart String:	
Upcoming Budget Period:	Pulls from the award, based on which year is next for awarding.
Start Date:	Pulls dates from the award. Can be edited if needed.
End Date:	
3.0 Is this the final Continuation/Budget Year for this award?	If this is the last year or period for this award, choose "Yes."

Field Name	Field Description/Purpose
4.0 Have any inventions or patents been conceived or reduced to practice during the course of this project?	Select "Yes" or "No," as appropriate. This is a cumulative question: If an invention was made and disclosed in Year 1, and you are applying for year 4 you must still answer "Yes."
	Click "Continue" to save and move forward.

5: Continuation SmartForm: Effort and Budget

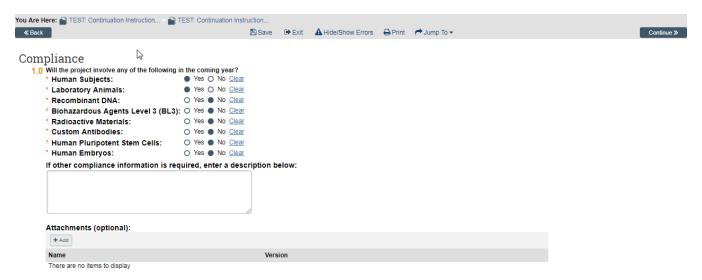
If you are completing an NIH RPPR progress report, some of these questions will be the same as those on the RPPR. You must still answer them, as they are required for internal reporting.



Field Name	Field Description/Purpose
1.0 Other Support	Choose Yes or No.
2.0 Effort – upcoming budget year	Choose Yes or No. If yes, use text box to explain.
3.0 Upcoming budget period	A budget for the next year will be required. Please contact your SPO for assistance.
4.0 Carryover	Please answer the questions to the best of your ability. Your SPO will use these to review data from Finance.
	Click "Continue" to save and move forward.

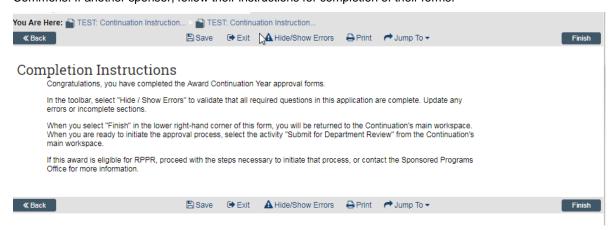
6. Compliance

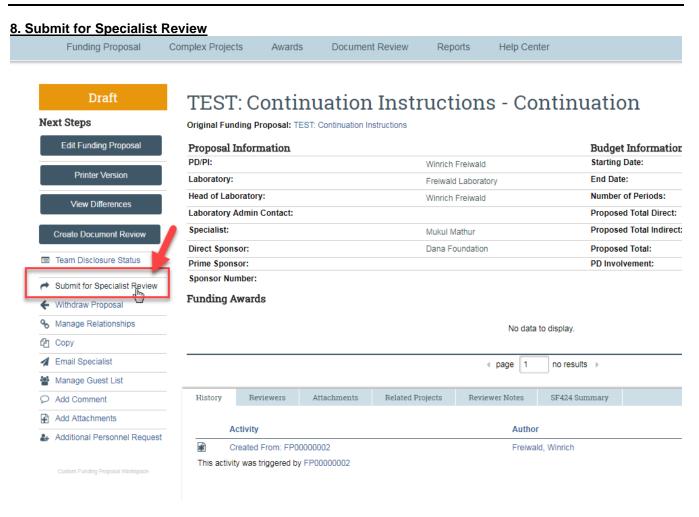
This page pulls in the information from the existing award. If changes are needed, note in the box and alert your SPO.



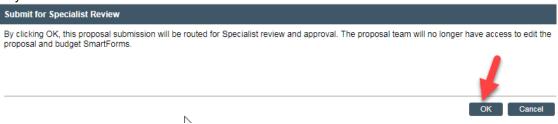
7. Completion Instructions

Click "Finish" to return to the award workspace. If an NIH RPPR, make sure to complete the necessary steps in eRA Commons. If another sponsor, follow their instructions for completion of their forms.





The activity will run a brief validation to ensure all mandatory questions have been answered. Click "OK" to route to your SPO for review.



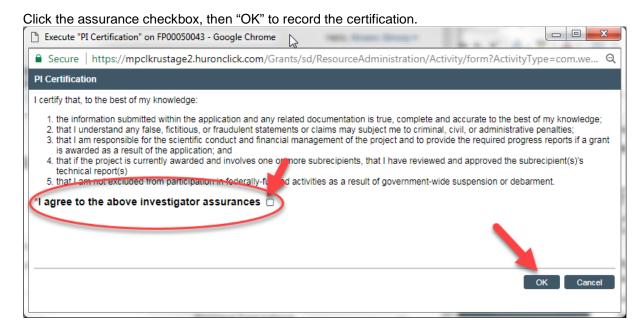
9. PI Certification

This activity must be completed by any Rockefeller personnel with the role PD/PI on this proposal. It must be completed before the Continuation can be submitted to the Sponsor.

This activity can be completed only by the PD/PI as it is a legal certification.



In the Funding Proposal workspace, click the PI Certification activity. The Certification pop-up opens.

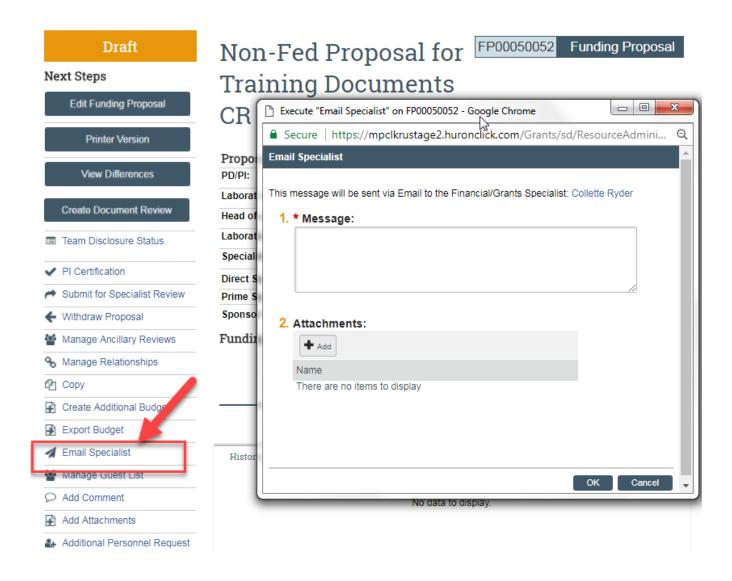


C. Additional Activities

1. Email your SPO

If you need to contact your SPO regarding the proposal, it is **strongly recommended** that you use the "Email Specialist" activity within the Funding Proposal workspace, rather than through Outlook. This will keep your message in the history of the proposal so it can be referred to later, if needed. Use this activity to send your SPO your proposed budget details for drafting.

In the Workspace, Click the activity "Email Specialist." This will bring up a pop-up window where you can enter your message and include any needed attachments. Click "OK" to send the message to your specialist. You can use this to send additional documents to your SPO, such as the



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Specialist Review State

In the Specialist Review state, if the SPO finds that changes are needed they can:

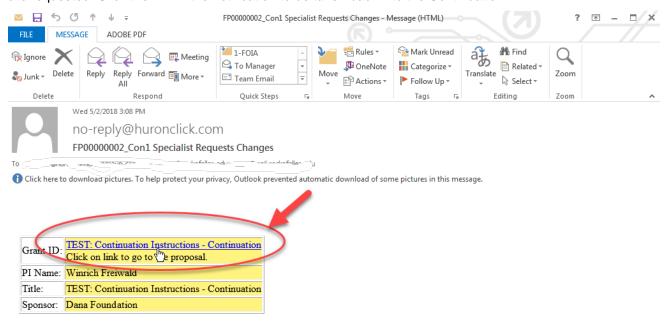
- Edit the Continuation SmartForm; or
- · Execute the Specialist Requests Changes activity.

The SPO will also verify on the *Team Disclosure Status* activity of the Funding Proposal Workspace that all certifications have been completed. If not completed, they can:

• Execute the Email Proposal Team activity; to inform the PI and AC what is still outstanding.

2. Specialist Requests Changes

If your SPO needs you to make changes to the Continuation, they will send it back to you by using the "Specialist Requests Changes" activity in the continuation workspace. The system will send you a notification that changes are requested. Click the link in the notification to be taken back into the Continuation.

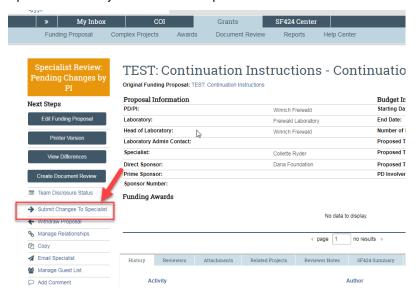


0 Reviewer Notes Logged. Please update the personnel page with those who will be continuing on the proposal in the next year.

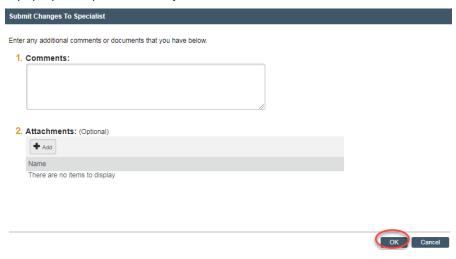
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3. Submit Changes to Specialist

Once you have made the needed changes, you can route it back to your SPO by using the "Submit Changes to Specialist" activity within the workspace.



A pop-up will open. Enter any comments or attachments, and click "OK" to send back to your SPO.



4. Final Review

When the Continuation is ready for review by the AOR, the SPO will execute the "Final Review" activity in the workspace. This will notify the AOR that the Continuation is ready for review. Note any special requirements or unusual aspects for review.

