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TO: Faculty
FROM: Randolph Hall, Vice President of Research
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SUBJECT: End of Year Research Software Updates

Faculty,

As we approach the holidays, I am writing to provide an end-of-year update on software for research.

Research Administration (TARA) -

<http://research.usc.edu/usc-research-administration-system/>

TARA entered a “stabilization” phase in July, as announced at the time. Progress has been made since then on two remaining action items:

- 1) The last unit at USC not yet using Quali Coeus for proposal routing and approval (Information Sciences Institute) will begin to do so in January, with full transition by February. The PAR form will no longer be used at USC once that final transition is complete.
- 2) OnCore has moved into pilot testing for clinical trials management, and now has a website: <http://sc-ctsi.org/ctms/>

Academic Research Software

- 1) ITS has created a new website as a portal to all university licensed research software (e.g., statistics, reference management, GIS, and bioinformatics), now available at: <https://itservices.usc.edu/researchsoftware/>.
- 2) The University Research Committee has completed an assessment of research software and data storage services at USC, and has sent its recommendations to the Academic Senate for their review in the coming semester.

Last, as a reminder, do take advantage of the “For Investigator” resources at research.usc.edu, which include the **Grant Forward** funding opportunity database, guides to research funding at most federal agencies, and Center for Excellence in Research (CER) training resources. And, please watch for the spring guide to CER courses, which will be mailed in early January.

Best wishes, and have a wonderful vacation.