

October 8, TARA Update

- **KC pre-award rollout**
- **OnCore Implementation at USC and CHLA**
- **Two New Software Tools: Training Finder and Internal Proposal Portal**

TARA (research.usc.edu/usc-research-administration-system/) provides a comprehensive suite of research administration tools, supporting regulatory programs, research finances, core laboratory billing, award management, effort certification, intellectual property management and reporting on research activity.

We are now in the final phases of the TARA project, with a focus on expanding the implementation of the pre-award features of Kuali Coeus (KC). Initially, KC pre-award provides digital routing of proposals and on-line proposal approval, replacing the PAR form and providing a digital record of transactions and approvals. In the future, KC pre-award will also be used for budget creation and automated proposal submission to federal sponsors via grants.gov.

The initial version of KC (Phase 1) is being rolled out by school, according to the calendar that follows. For each school, we begin with an extensive training period, followed by a “soft launch,” whereby users are encouraged, but not required, to use KC pre-award. Hard launch, when KC pre-award is required, completes the Phase 1 launch. In Phase 2 and 3, USC will implement a budget module and system-system submission feature, enabling automated submission to grants.gov. These phases will be implemented throughout the university in early 2015.

In other areas, work continues on integration across TARA software modules, enabling data to be shared in real-time. Integration has already been added to diSClose (conflict of interest) and other regulatory modules. The negotiation tracker feature of KC (providing visibility to investigators as to the status of negotiations with sponsors) will be activated subsequent to the hard launch of KC pre-award. And contracts and billing (supporting billing and receivables tracking for sponsored funds) will be launched next week.

As a separate project, **USC has also licensed OnCore software for clinical trials and biorepository management**. OnCore implementation has begun at both USC and CHLA under the leadership of Josh Lee, Chief Information Officer for Keck Medicine of USC. Kickoff meetings have been scheduled over the next few weeks. Please contact Susan Autry of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute for more information (susan.autry@med.usc.edu).

Finally, I am happy to report that we have **two new software tools** to support research:

- **Research Training Finder:** a new tool to identify available courses based on individual roles and responsibilities (<http://researchtrainingfinder.usc.edu/>)
- **Wyzehive Grants Submission:** a simplified portal for submission of internal proposals at USC (e.g., the Zumberge program and institutionally limited programs) and for managing the process of reviewing proposals.

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KC Pre-award Rollout Calendar

KC Pre-award Phase 1 – Proposal Development and Routing

Functions include entry of basic proposal information; attachment of technical proposal, budget, and other documentation; USC routing and approvals.

Soft Launch: Encourage all proposals to be submitted through Quali Coeus

Hard Launch: All proposals are required to be submitted through Quali Coeus
(Exception: Collaborative proposals with another USC unit that has not reached its hard launch date)

<u>School</u>	<u>Soft Launch</u>	<u>Hard Launch</u>
Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism	Complete	Complete
Architecture	Complete	Complete
Cinematic Arts	TBD	TBD
Davis School of Gerontology	In progress	November 3
Dornsife College	October 10	November 10
Dramatic Arts	N/A	When Needed
Gould School of Law	TBD	TBD
Keck School of Medicine	In progress	November 3
Marshall School of Business	November 1	December 1
Ostrow School of Dentistry	Complete	Complete
Pharmacy	Complete	Complete
Price School of Public Policy	October 15	December 1
Roski School of Fine Arts	N/A	When Needed
Rossier School of Education	October 27	December 1
Social Work	Complete	Complete
Thornton School of Music	N/A	When Needed
Viterbi School of Engineering	October 10	November 10

Phase 2 – Proposal Budget

The module supports the entry of the full proposal budget into Quali Coeus, enabling the information to be used in system-to-system proposal submission to grants.gov. Training is anticipated to begin in November and conclude in January, 2015.

Phase 3 – System-to-System Proposal Submission

The final module in the pre-award rollout will allow system-to-system submission of proposals to Grants.gov. Training is slated for January and February, 2015.