## NewsFlash!

Below is a TARA Update from Dr. Randolph Hall, Vice President, Research

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## October 8, TARA Update

- KC Pre-Award Rollout
- OnCore Implementation at USC and CHLA
- Two New Software Tools: Training Finder and Internal Proposal Portal

USC Staff and Faculty:

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 (<a href="mailto:susan.autry@med.usc.edu">susan.autry@med.usc.edu</a>).

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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