

NewsFlash!

Announcement: Please review the below memorandum regarding Kualii Coeus.

To: Research Deans and Administrators

From: Randolph W. Hall

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Subject: Kualii Coeus

As you are aware, Kualii Coeus (KC) is the system used by the university for routing/approval/establishment of all sponsored research agreements, with the exception of industry sponsored clinical trials. KC ensures that proposals are routed to the right approvers, that all regulatory approvals occur, and that proposals and negotiations are tracked.

At present, research agreements that fall outside of the above scope do not benefit from a routing/approval system that systematically ensures approval by schools and by all regulatory committees. To address this problem, effective April 1, all proposals of the following types must be submitted for approval through KC:

- Sponsored research agreements (with exception of industry sponsored clinical trial agreements) -- as before
- Unfunded Research Collaboration agreements (e.g., Industry Affiliate Agreements, MOUs, CRADAs, etc.) -- new
- Non-Disclosure Agreements, if primary purpose is to enable sponsored research, other than those managed by USC Stevens or the Clinical Trials Office -- new
- Research Service agreements -- new

Once the KC record is routed and approved at the school level, the Department of Contracts and Grants will ensure that OGC or other responsible entity receives the information and documents. The KC record will be updated once the agreement is finalized.

Agreements pertaining to intellectual property for research (patent license, material transfer, software license of university-owned software, data use agreements (other than for protected health information, confidential disclosure agreement related to intellectual property) will continue to be submitted through Sophia, managed by USC Stevens.

For master research agreements with industry sponsors where no initial statement of work is identified, please consult Vasiliki Anest at USC Stevens (anest@usc.edu). For master agreements with other types of sponsors, please consult your Department of Contracts and Grants representative, or the Clinical Trials Office (solely for industry sponsored clinical trials).

Processes for industry sponsored clinical trials agreements will be assessed by the Clinical Trials Office as part of the deployment of the OnCore system.

Resources on how to create and submit research collaboration agreements and research service agreements through KC can be located at:

- [Quick Guide to Creating a Proposal in KC](#)
- [Proposal Development Guide](#)