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## RAPSS Update

Beginning August 1, the submission of new grant proposals on the new Research Administration and Proposal Submission System (RAPSS) has been extended to all federal agencies, with the exception of the National Science Foundation (NSF). It will now become mandatory for faculty and staff to submit all **new** federal grant applications, except for NSF, through RAPSS. NSF applications will continue to be submitted through FastLane, but RAPSS must be used for the endorsement process.

The Office of Research and Economic Development has also announced that, "when Phase Two is completed next year, RAPSS will be extended to state agencies, foundations, other sponsors, and research

contracts. RAPSS also will be capable of processing follow-on submissions, such as renewals, revisions, resubmissions, and continuations. After Phase Two, faculty and staff will be able to use RAPSS for processing award activity. The new, sophisticated system also will provide faculty and staff with a wide range of features, including an online archive, robust budget tool, user-friendly interface, integration with regulatory functions and centralized reporting for research activities.

"Faculty and staff first used RAPSS in May and June, when they successfully submitted 81 proposals to the NIH by its June 5 deadline.

"We have been communicating regularly with your unit's RAPSS

liaisons and Rutgers' general research community. With the expanded, mandatory use of the system, I am requesting your assistance to ensure that everyone who needs to know is aware of the new requirement that RAPSS be used for all *new* federal submissions.

"RAPSS training is being conducted on all three campuses and additional sessions have been added to the [training schedule](#)."

**The next training sessions on the Camden campus have been scheduled for Thursday, August 6th. If you would like to learn more about RAPSS, visit the [website](#). To access RAPSS, click [here](#)**

## Fulbright — Deadline is August 3rd

This is a reminder that the deadline to submit a Fulbright application is coming soon. Please be sure to submit your Fulbright application before or by the August 3, 2015 deadline.

The Fulbright Scholar Program offers U.S. college faculty, professionals and administrators grants for research, lectures and seminars. The programs available include the following:

- Core
- New Century

- Distinguished Chairs
- Specialists
- International Education Administrators (IEA)
- Nexus Regional

Again, the deadline for the Core Fulbright Scholar and Distinguished Chair Programs is August 3, 2015.

More information about the programs, application guidelines and deadlines can be accessed at <http://www.cies.org/>

[us\\_scholars/](http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/).

The U.S. Fulbright Catalog of Awards for 2016-17 (<http://catalog.cies.org/>) allows individuals to search for specific opportunities of interest.



# RAPSS Training Sessions



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There will be **RAPSS PI & Proposal Team Training** sessions for the Camden campus on Thursday, August 6, 2015.

All faculty and staff who have been or will be submitting grants are strongly encouraged to take the **RAPSS PI & Proposal Team Training** session. The session will also include information about the approval process. Approvers may attend the session to learn more about the overall process.

We hope that you will be able to sign up for one of the sessions listed below.

**RAPSS Training Sessions**  
**Date: Thursday, August 6, 2015**

**Location: Rutgers-Camden—Campus Center—North Conference Room**  
The afternoon sessions are a repeat of the morning session. Only one session needs to be attended.

- ◆ 9:00-11:00 – PI & Proposal Team Training
- ◆ 12:00-2:00– PI & Proposal Team Training

Please register for the training here – <http://marcy-cfinstext.rbhs.rutgers.edu/rutrprod/eproc/GenRegister.cfm>

Contact Camie Morrison ([cammor@camden.rutgers.edu](mailto:cammor@camden.rutgers.edu) or 856-225-2949), Director of Sponsored Research, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the RAPSS training sessions.

Thank you for your time and attention to these important training sessions.



**RAPSS Approver Training Video**

In lieu of the Approver Training previously offered, please reference the **"Review Funding Proposal"** training video located here for guidance: <https://ored.rutgers.edu/rapss/video-guides>. It would be greatly appreciated if all faculty and staff who have been designated as approvers for their Departments, Centers or Schools watch the approver training video.



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