

## **Sponsored Research Agreements No Longer Require Automatic Legal Review**

March 3, 2021 - Beginning March 1 sponsored research agreements with an assigned research contract manager will no longer require legal review unless the manager asks for one.

Principal investigators will be able to use the HURON (HRS) system to track where their agreements are in the pipeline at UCF. That way researchers will be able see if a contract or agreement is awaiting action in one of various UCF offices or with the sponsor.

Researchers must, however, continue to follow all other procedures outlined in various policies and continue to log onto the HRS system as they normally do to submit proposals.

“The change will help provide more transparency about how agreements move through the Office of Research, because faculty will be able to see where the agreement is at any given time,” says Elizabeth Klonoff, the Vice President for Research at UCF. “Not requiring legal review for every item will actually provide more time for those instances that may be more complicated, when a thorough review by general counsel is necessary.”

Any agreement already in the pipeline that was not finalized by March 1 has been sent back to the Office of Research Contracts Office to continue processing, as the agreements no longer require legal review. It will be at the discretion of contract managers or other authorized OR staff to send back to legal if further review is considered necessary. Cobblestone will no longer be used for any part of this review process.

If you have questions about your research agreement, please check HRS first. Contact your contract manager if you need further clarification.