

## ERMS–Grants module going live this fall!

UT Health San Antonio's Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP), under the Office of the Vice President for Research, is excited to announce the upcoming implementation of a new Grants module within the Enterprise Research Management System (ERMS) this fall 2025.

This enhanced module will provide comprehensive pre-award and post-award grants management capabilities, designed to streamline institutional workflows and improve transparency for faculty and staff across the research enterprise. In the new ERMS-Grants module, users will experience:

- **Centralized Access:** A single point of entry to manage all aspects of your research portfolio.
- **Integrated Communication:** Seamless messaging across all ERMS modules.
- **Data Integration:** Elimination of duplicate data entry through integration across active modules.
- **Automated Processes:** Improved data flow between ERMS and other critical systems along with the elimination of the paper copy of the Certificate of Proposal (COP) form.
- **Paperless File Management:** Discontinuation of paper files, shared server folders, and separate electronic archives—with full support for record retention compliance.
- **User-Friendly Interface:** Enhanced, intuitive design for easier navigation and increased efficiency.

- **PeopleSoft Integration:** Integration with PeopleSoft allows faculty to access grant-related information – such as project details- that was previously unavailable.

The implementation of this new module marks a significant step forward in modernizing research administration at UT Health San Antonio, supporting investigators and administrators alike with advanced tools for managing sponsored programs.

To support this transition, the Office of Sponsored Programs will provide comprehensive training and resources to ensure all users feel confident navigating the new system. Our goal is a smooth, minimal disruptive rollout that enhances your experience.

Lastly, OSP will also reach out to Department Chairs and Center/Institute Directors to identify the appropriate departmental contacts who will need administrative access to the system.

We appreciate your partnership as we move into this exciting new chapter of research administration. Please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs at [grants@uthscsa.edu](mailto:grants@uthscsa.edu) should you have any questions regarding this announcement.

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### **Animal Operations Module: Groundwork is Underway!**

In May 2025, UT Health San Antonio's Vice President for Research Office began initial work to add the new Animal Operations module within the Enterprise Research Management System (ERMS) to complete the suite for comprehensive research support. ERMS is UT Health San Antonio's implementation of the Huron Research Suite, a complete software solution designed to support our growing research infrastructure, as well as alleviate investigator administrative burden.

The ERMS Animal Operations (AOps) module promises to provide a one-stop-shop for all information and processes associated with animal-based research services provided to investigators by the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR). This includes submission of requests for veterinary technical support, animal imports, exports and protocol-to-protocol transfers, cage census monitoring and protocol specific billing details. In addition, AOps will integrate with ERMS IACUC for a real-time transfer of data between the modules.

ERMS AOps is currently in the development phase of implementation with activation estimated to occur in March-April 2026. During the run up to “go live,” the DLAR, in coordination with the Animal Research Compliance (ARC) Office, will continue to manage animal transfers through the “New” ORCA Dashboard website, a redesigned version of our legacy ORCA system: [https://vpr.uthscsa.edu/orca\\_dashboard/](https://vpr.uthscsa.edu/orca_dashboard/)

Additionally, the system for tracking and calculating animal transactions for IACUC triennial submissions is no longer available in ORCA. However, the ARC Office can still provide study teams with the number of animals added to their studies to date. If you have any questions regarding current animal transfers or your study’s total animal transactions added to date, please contact the ARC Office at [ARC@uthscsa.edu](mailto:ARC@uthscsa.edu).

For more information, check out our [ERMS](#) information page, where you can find resources on all active ERMS modules.

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