

Modernizing NSF Business via Research.gov

2014 NSF Grants Conference

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- ★ Modernization Efforts
- ★ Research.gov Resources
- ★ Feedback



MODERNIZATION EFFORTS

- ★ Research.gov is the National Science Foundation's (NSF) modernization of FastLane, providing the next generation of grants management capabilities for the research community.



- ★ Program income reporting (effective March 2014)
- ★ Preparing for NSF's new financial and accounting system
 - Financial services unavailable from **September 19 to October 13**
 - **Last date to submit drawdowns for awards with cancelling funds is September 18**
- ★ Beginning October 1, NSF will begin making all payments using System for Award Management (SAM) banking information

- ★ 74,000+ project reports submitted via Research.gov
- ★ Continuous enhancements to improve user experience
 - Pre-population
 - BibTeX Upload
 - Copy/paste Functionality
 - Demo Site
 - Video Tutorial

BIBTEX

- ★ Researchers and SPOs can use their university-issued user ID and password to login to Research.gov via InCommon
 - 59 institutions are connected with Research.gov (30 more in the pipeline)



- ★ Single Sign-on between Research.gov and FastLane

Month	Logins	% of total	% change
January 2014	174	1.0%	↑ 41%
February 2014	123	0.8%	↓ 29%
March 2014	159	1.1%	↑ 29%
April 2014	201	1.1%	↑ 26%
May 2014	213	1.2%	↑ 6%



Top 10 Leaderboard (March - May 2014):

Rank	University	Total Logins
1	U Wisconsin-Madison	94
2	Texas A&M	61
3	U Alabama - Birmingham	56
4	Clemson U	45
5	U Cincinnati	44
6	UC Riverside	41
7	Carnegie Mellon	31
8	Penn State	21
9	Texas Tech	20
10	UC Berkeley	17

LOGIN AS 

NSF User >

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- ★ New project to minimize effort of registering a new institution and maintaining institution profiles
 - Minimizes data entry
 - SAM as authoritative data source
 - Cleans up data
 - Updates registration process



- ★ Plan to migrate to Research.gov
 - Planning and development activities will begin in FY 2014
 - Improved navigation and workflow
 - Implement OMB's Uniform Guidance

- ★ Planning activities began in FY 2014
- ★ Evaluating proposal preparation and submission capabilities in FastLane
- ★ Identifying process, data, and technology enhancements and phased approach to migrating functionality to Research.gov



RESEARCH.GOV RESOURCES

- ★ [Research.gov Listserv - System Updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov](mailto:subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov)
- ★ [Project Reporting Demo Site](#)
- ★ [Online Help](#)
- ★ [Research.gov Services Fact Sheets](#)
- ★ [Project Reporting Video Tutorial](#)
- ★ [Research.gov BibTeX Video Tutorial](#)
- ★ Project Reporting Live Help



**HELP US
IMPROVE
RESEARCH.GOV!**



- ★ Our goal is to make Research.gov easier to use
 - ★ Using a User Centered Design approach

Other goals:

- ★ Better integration with FastLane. You will be seeing a gradual blending of the two sites
- ★ Adopt a common NSF look-and-feel

For User Centered Design to work, we need user input.

You can help today...

★ Take the survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Researchgov>

Other sources of feedback:

Feedback Form

ForeSee Survey

Web Metrics

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Usability Evaluations

**Take the
ForeSee survey**



The survey form features the Research.gov logo on the left and the FORESEE RESULTS logo on the right. The text reads: "We'd like your feedback. Thank you for visiting our site. You have been randomly selected to participate in a customer satisfaction survey to let us know how we can improve your website experience. This survey is conducted by an independent company, ForeSee Results." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "No thanks" and "Yes, I'll give feedback".

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The navigation menu includes a "LOGIN AS" section with a dropdown menu currently showing "NSF User". Below this are links for "NSF Staff", "NSF Visitor", "InCommon", "How Do I Login?", and "Register". A "FEEDBACK" section is highlighted in dark blue and contains the link "Tell Us What You Think", which is circled in red.