

**The Academic Research & Grants Information System (ARGIS)**, which was first deployed in 2001, was built by researchers, for researchers. We have translated our understanding of the university research environment into a robust, yet cost-effective, information workflow system that incorporates the unique needs of all research stakeholders. These stakeholders include research investigators, research administrators, college deans, department chairs, and outside sponsors.

ARGIS was specifically designed to increase the productivity of research stakeholders by providing quick, direct access to all the information needed to manage a diverse array of research contracts and grants.

Many of the research information systems on the market today fail to address the unique needs of each of the stakeholders in a university research environment. The result is that these systems are expensive to implement, cumbersome to use, and severely limited in flexibility for change and growth.

ARGIS was designed to increase productivity and to reduce the overhead costs of research administration by putting the information needed by every research stakeholder right at their fingertips.

ARGIS provides a secure and robust audit trail that is available in real-time to the people that need access to it.

In addition to increasing productivity, ARGIS was designed to promote your research initiatives via the Internet. As a result, ARGIS enables outside sponsors to proactively find you!



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## ARGIS provides a broad array of benefits to all university research stakeholders:

### *Saves Investigators time and helps them promote their research:*

- Automates submission, review, and approval of proposals
- Supports interdisciplinary research programs and inter-institutional proposals
- Garners publicity (both internal and external) for your research
- Identification of and collaboration with other investigators

### *Keeps Deans and Department Chairs Informed and helps manage research initiatives:*

- Enables immediate and accurate performance measurement, gap identification, and generation of historical performance data
- Real-time access to funding status by both college and department
- Increased productivity due to automated workflow processes and customized report generation tools

### *Increases productivity of Research Administrators and promotes your university's research expertise:*

- Significant increase in research staff productivity
- Instant and accurate access to all research-related data, including data from disparate sources across your university
- Provides web-based promotion of your university's research
- Enables outside sponsors to become aware of your research initiatives
- Provides immediate and accurate access to research funding status

### **Information Access:**

With ARGIS, research stakeholders are able to quickly and easily perform their functions in a simple, yet elegant, environment that was built specifically to manage research information.

- Seamless information access for external and internal contracts or grants, interdisciplinary research programs, and inter-institutional proposals.
- Easy-to-use interface for creating highly customizable reports for deans, department chairs, investigators, and other research stakeholders.

### **Workflow:**

ARGIS automates the submission, review, approval and post-award management of a diverse array of research proposals, awards and grants.

- Online submission of proposals initiates an automatic, paperless review and approval process that can be customized to meet your specific needs.
- Information from diverse data sources is integrated into easy-to-use views that are customizable for individual staff and stakeholder roles.

### **Data Security:**

ARGIS has a broad range of features that ensure the integrity and security of your research data.

- Access to data is based on "need to know" and role-based security features.
- History of data or proposal modifications is tracked and audited.
- Data integrity is ensured via a highly reliable record-locking system.

### **Customization & Flexibility:**

ARGIS was designed to be flexible. We understand that each university has its own unique needs and requirements. ARGIS can be easily customized to meet the unique submission, approval, data access, and management needs of your university research environment.

- Roles and approval processes are created based on your specific university organizational structure.
- "Out of the box" interfaces enable you to access and share data with databases outside of the ARGIS environment to ensure data integrity across your university.
- Reports and user interfaces can be customized to meet your specific needs.