

There are several important announcements to make today as we head into the summer of 2026:

1) Kuali Research, which is our new pre-award submission platform, is now live. You will access it via: [Research Dashboard](#)

Please bookmark this page on your web browser. It will use single sign-in that you use to access Workday. A job aid for using Kuali research can be located at: ([KR-Job-Aid-1.pdf](#)).

Several important changes will accompany this transition

- a) Conflict of Interest Disclosures will be performed on an annual basis, beginning June 1st, 2026. The Office of Research will not submit a proposal for any funding from any external entity until this is complete. Please submit a fully completed and signed COI to the Office of Research for review. Please submit your completed form to Tysha Palmer at trpalmer@umes.edu.
 - b) Certifications that you are not participating in a Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program (MFTRP), formerly located on the COI form, will now be included in the Kuali Research certifications module for each grant submission.
 - c) The routing form process which we have used in the past is now obsolete. We will track all submissions through Kuali Research, and signoff will occur through that system. Understanding that it may take time to adjust to a new system, please adhere to our request to use Kuali Research and give extra time to load your materials. We will use the month of June to work out any challenges in the use of the system, but will not accept any grants for review using our old routing form after July 1st
- 2) Please note that we now will be using a new federally negotiated rate for all grant submissions. Our new rate is 43% of MTDC ([UMES-FA-Cost-Rates-2025-signed.pdf](#)). Modified total direct costs consist of all direct salaries and wages, applicable fringe benefits, materials and supplies, services, travel and up to the first \$50,000 of each subaward (regardless of the period of performance of the subawards under the award). Modified total direct costs shall exclude equipment, capital expenditures, charges for patient care, rental costs, tuition remission, scholarships and fellowships, participant support costs and the portion of each subaward in excess of \$50,000.
- 3) The CITI Program that we use for signing into training modules will no longer be using single sign-in using our UMES login. The system will still be operative, however, each user will need to set up an individual account with a unique sign-in password.