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What is REEport

1. REEport (Research, Education, and Extension project online reporting tool)
2. It is NIFA's project reporting system for non-formula grants (including competitive) and formula fund projects
3. It replaces the former Current Research Information System (CRIS)
4. Through REEport, NIFA staff can receive, distribute and return all necessary data and associated approvals electronically.

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Projects: Why we have them

- AgriLife Research, as part of the Land Grant system receives formula funds (Hatch, McIntire-Stennis, Multi-State, Animal Health). These funds are used to support salaries and research. NIFA requires reporting on research conducted. The Hatch, Multistate and other formula fund projects serve as an accounting link for the expenditure of funds within AgriLife.
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Types of Projects

- Projects which require reporting in REEport
- Projects used just in AgriLife which do not have reporting requirements

1. Projects Requiring Reporting in REEport

- *Hatch*: umbrella project for research to be conducted over next 5 years
- *Multistate Hatch*: regional project that is already established, can be used as an umbrella project instead of a Hatch project
- *McIntire-Stennis*: forestry-related umbrella project
- *Animal Health*: project specific for animal health funds received
- *NIFA Grant*: required for anyone receiving a competitive NIFA grant
- * referred to as formula fund projects
Projects not requiring Reporting in REEport

- **Administrative**: for your use in department
- **Cost Share**: used to track expenditures for cost sharing with grants. Once the grant has ended, this project will be terminated. It should not be used as general support account for the researcher.
- **Internal**: used for special cases track expenditures, such as a PI who will be retiring
- **Research Initiative (RI)**: temporary project to be used while PI is obtaining Hatch or other formula fund project (good for six months)

Project Reporting Requirements in REEport

- **Initialization of Project**
  - : Project submitted to NIFA for approval
- **Annual Progress Report**
  - Formula fund project reports due Dec 31 (cover federal fiscal year)
  - Grant reports due within 90 days of anniversary date
- **Termination Report**
  - Formula fund project report due Dec 31 (covers life of project)
  - Grant reports due within 90 days of anniversary date
- Cost share, Internal and administrative projects have no reporting requirements

Who Uses REEport

1. Anybody who receives funding through NIFA formula funds and has a formula fund project (Hatch, Multistate, McIntire-Stennis or Animal Health) or NIFA non-formula research, Extension or education grants is required to enter reports.

2. This would be PI (now called PD for Project Directors) or anyone who is entering the information for them.
Types of REEport Users

- **Assistant Site Administrator**
  - Can see all projects and forms.
  - Can create and make edits to any forms in Draft.
  - Assign this user type to Department Staff

- **Project Director (PD)—Investigators**
  - Data entry role
  - They can make edits on any forms for which they are the named PD, whether they initiated the form or not.

Logging in First Time:
- Enter email and click "log in"
- You will be asked to re-enter your email and click "send email"
- You will receive an email with a link to set your own password
- From then on enter email and password
Project Initiation- Formula Fund Projects
1. Contact Project Records (Stacy Cantu at 979-845-7987)
   a. You will assigned a project number (becomes an RI)
   b. A proposal (5-yr plan) must be written and reviewed (except for MultiState)
   c. Risk Assessments and Assurance Statements must be obtained or pending approval
   d. Complete web forms at REEport under Initiate Project (Stacy will set up the initial form so you will find the project In Draft Stage.
   e. Click on ‘Submit’ when finished

Project Initiation- NIFA Grants
1. Contact Project Records who will assign a project number
   a. Complete web forms at REEport under Initiate Project (some of date will already be entered by granting agency)
   b. Click on ‘Submit’ when finished
Tips on Using REnport

1. You must use navigation buttons to save work – if click on menu bar to move to next screen, you will be reminded that your work will not be saved
2. Help text is provided where you see the blue icon with ?
3. A Shell for every report is added – can click on field to sort by that field
   1. There will be a shell for both the progress report and final report, so need to make sure filling out correct form – check reporting period end date

Example of New Shell Added for Progress Report

Sorting by Department and Reporting End Date
1. Three to Six months before a current project is set to terminate, Stacy will notify PD to initiate a new project. (Dept personnel cc’d)
2. Continue to notify PD if no action is taken (helps if Dept personnel follow up with PD)
3. We are not always notified when new faculty are hired – so it helps if you notify the faculty that they need to contact Project Records to begin the process.
4. Please notify us when a faculty member is going to retire
5. Make sure PDs receive emails about reporting deadlines

Websites
• REEport User Manual:
• NIFA Reporting Site (REEport):
  http://portal.nifa.usda.gov/portal/
• Agrilife Project Records site:
  http://agrilifeas.tamu.edu/fiscal/project-records/
• NIMSS (for multistate projects):
  nimss.umd.edu

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