# USDA NIFA Reporting System User Guide

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#### **Registration Process**

- All users of the integrated system will need to register with USDA's eAuthentication and complete . identity verification
- Upon successful registration and identify verification, users must request a role from their Organizational Administrator
- Please refer to our guides and FAQs located on the launch page for details on registering and requesting a role: <u>https://go.usa.gov/xG8xE</u>

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### Roles

- The NIFA Reporting System (NRS) will require users to request a role upon completion of the registration process (refer to previous slide for the Quick Guide for this process).
- The roles and respective permissions for these roles can be viewed in the table below.
- Please take note that the Site Administrator role will be replaced by the Organizational Administrator.

Role	Description	Main Permissions
Directors	The Directors of Research and Extension are the "senior" position at each individual institution. They are responsible for satisfying AREERA requirements for their institution and coordinating with all other 1862 or 1890 Land- Grant Universities in their state to input and maintain Plan of Work-related data, specifically Critical Issues, Extension Programs, and Research Projects. They oversee both POW and Annual Reports, which will be added to NRS in the near future.	<ul> <li>Add, edit, view and remove Critical Issues</li> <li>Manage Projects/Programs (Add, Save, Edit, Review, Submit)</li> </ul>
State Contributors	State contributes are staff members, designated by the institution, who enter and edit Plan of Work- related reporting data, specifically Critical Issues, Extension Programs, and Research Projects. They are often a small number of administrative or "technical" staff working for the Director's office. Generally, one State Contributor is designated to be a coordinator and communicator. They manage content for both POW and Annual Reports, which will be added to NRS in the near future.	<ul> <li>Add, edit, view and remove Critical Issues</li> <li>Manage Projects/Programs (Add, Save, Edit, Review, Submit to Organization and NIFA)</li> </ul>
Organizational Administrators	Organizational Administrators manage roles for their organization and can add Extension Program descriptions and Research Project initiations. This role replaces the Site Administrator role in the REEport application.	<ul> <li>Manage organizational roles (Org Admin, Director, State Contributor, View Only)</li> <li>Manage Projects/Programs (Add, Save, Edit, Review, Submit to Organization and NIFA)</li> </ul>
Project Directors (PDs)	Project Directors (also referred to as Principal Investigators) are the primary researcher in charge of carrying out a Research Project and are designated by the organization as the agent in charge of	<ul> <li>Add, save, edit, and submit projects to Organizational Review</li> </ul>

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Role	Description	Main Permissions
	administering the grant and progress/performance reporting responsibilities.	<ul> <li>Add, edit, and view results and progress/final reports</li> </ul>
Assistant Organizational Administrator	Assistant Organizational Administrators can add, save, edit, and submit Research Projects or Extension Program descriptions to Organizational Review. This role replaces the Assistant Site Administrator role under the REEport application.	<ul> <li>Add, save, edit, and view Extension Programs and Research Projects</li> <li>Submit Research Extension Programs and Research Projects to Organizational Review</li> </ul>
View Only	View Only users can see active Critical Issues, Research Projects, and Extension Programs.	<ul> <li>View Research Extension Programs and Research Projects</li> <li>View Critical Issues</li> </ul>

#### **Portal Home Page**

- The system includes a new portal home page with customized tiles for completing tasks efficiently
- Each tile is tied to a different feature within the system (e.g., Critical Issues, Plan of Work, Projects/Programs, and Role Management)
- The tiles displayed on the portal home page match your role and provide access to intuitively complete grant and reporting activities

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- B) Click "Manage" to access a dashboard where you will see your institution's Critical Issues
- C) Click "View" to log in to the Institutional Profile and access your POW
- D) Click "Add" to create Projects and Programs
- E) Click "Manage" to open a dashboard where you can access your institution's projects and programs

#### Portal Home Page: Project Director (PD) Role

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- B) Click "View" to log in to the Institutional Profile and access your POW
- C) Click "Add" to create Projects
- D) Click "Manage" to open a dashboard where you can access your institution's projects and programs

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- B) Click "View" to log in to the Institutional Profile and access your POW
- C) Click "Add" to create Projects and Programs
- D) Click "Manage" to open a dashboard where you can access your institution's projects and programs
- E) Click "Add" to assign a new user a role at your organization
- F) Click "Manage" to add, update, and remove roles for your organization

#### Portal Home Page: Assistant Organizational Administrator

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- **B)** Click "View" to log in to the Institutional Profile and access your POW
- C) Click "Add" to create Projects and Programs
- D) Click "Manage" to open a dashboard where you can access your institution's projects and programs

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Portal Home Page: View Only

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- B) Click "View" to log in to the Institutional Profile and access your POW
- C) Click "View" to open a dashboard where you can view projects and programs

#### **Critical Issues**

Critical Issues Dashboard: Director and State Contributor

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- B) Click "Add Critical Issue" if you want to create a new Critical Issue
- C) Click the Critical Issue title to view the full Critical Issue
- D) Click "Return to Home" to go to Home
- E) Click "Read more" to display the Critical Issue's full description
- F) Click "Edit" to change the Critical Issue's details
- G) Click "Remove" to delete the Critical Issue
- **H)** The Associated Projects/ Programs column displays the total number under each Critical Issue Clicking on the number allows you to see a detailed list of these Projects/ Programs

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#### Add Critical Issues: Director and State Contributor

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- B) Click the Critical Issue title to view the full Critical Issue
- **C)** The Associated Projects/ Programs column displays the total number under each Critical Issue
- D) Clicking on the number allows you to see a detailed list of these Projects/ Programs

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#### Edit Critical Issues

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## **Projects & Programs Dashboard**

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	Enhancing Food Safety Capacity of Western Elderberry Producers: Best Practices for Harvest and Processing	CA-D-	FST-2658-CG	Edward Thomas	08/15/2020	08/15/2022	Advancing Agricultural and Food Systems	Extension	Organizational Review	ø ±	
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- A) Projects & Programs dashboard displays all of your institution's projects and programs
- B) Click the title to view the full details of the project or program
- **C)** Use the search bar to find a specific project or program
- D) Click the filter in order to filter or sort by status
- **E)** Click the pencil icon to "Edit" the project or program

\*Note that edit permissions will be restricted based on role designation for Research or Extension (e.g., a PD cannot edit an Extension Program as it is a Research-only role)

### **Filter Feature**

In Projects & Programs, you can use the filter feature to sort based on certain criteria. For example, the filter feature enables users to search for projects based on categories such as "Organization" "Funding" or "Status".

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Root phenomics and abiotic stress tolerance	University of Connecticut	Î	Jonathan Lynch	01/01/2020	Advancing Agricultural and Food Systems	Research Capacity Fund (Hatch)	NIFA REVIEW	
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#### **Projects & Programs**

#### Approvals and Reviews

Research and Extension Programs will both require an organizational review, including the ability to save a draft beforehand. Research Projects will also undergo a NIFA Review and approval prior to commencing activities. Extension Programs will undergo NIFA Review as part of Plan of Work per current procedures. Extension Programs can begin once they are submitted to NIFA.

Only Organizational Administrators, Directors, and State Contributors are allowed to submit Projects and Programs to NIFA.

#### **AREERA Funding Types**

- Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) is the unifying funding authority and directs the requirements of the Plan of Work. These programs include Hatch, Evans-Allen, Smith-Lever, and 1890 Extension. NIFA will expand the system to include all capacity (formula) and competitive programs currently in REEport and POW after the initial phases. The current features of NRS only apply to the four NIFA administered capacity grants listed in the table.
- NRS will initially house project and programs that are supported by these capacity funding types.
   Other capacity and competitive programs will be supported in future phases of the project.

	1862 Land-Grant University	1890 Land-Grant University
Research	Hatch or Hatch Multistate	Evans-Allen (Section 1445)
Extension	Smith-Lever 3(b) and 3(c)	1890 Extension (Section 1444)

#### Funding Source Dropdown Behaviors

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Select Funding Source	•

#### Rules for the drop down

- The drop down shows the funding type(s) based on your role assignment for either Research or Extension
- Once you select your funding type, the fields required for that funding type will appear

#### Extension Program

#### What is an Extension Program?

An Extension Program is a set of activities that advance a common goal. Programs are vehicles for addressing the Critical Issues identified in the Plan of Work. Critical Issues with a broad scope will have more Programs and Projects than narrowly defined ones.

Critical Issues often describe current conditions and the desired future state. Programs set boundaries around distinct activities that aim to advance knowledge, change behavior, and ultimately lead to the desired change in environment identified in the Critical Issue description.

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#### Add Extension Program

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#### View Extension Program

- View the full details of a program selected and click "Edit" to change program details
- Click "Submit" to advance the project to either Organizational Review or to Submit to NIFA

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# Extension Program Fields

- The accompanying table displays the fields, rules, character limits, and approximate word counts for the Add Projects/Programs form
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Extension Program Description Field	Required	Rules and Character Limits	Approximate Word Count
Funding Source	Yes	Dropdown based on eligibility	N/A
Primary Critical Issue	Yes	Dropdown	N/A
Title	Yes	175 characters	26
Start Date	Yes	Calendar widget, format mm/dd/yyyy	N/A
Initiator	Yes	Dropdown	N/A
Non-Technical Summary	Yes	8,000 characters	1,304
Integrated Activities: Is this an integrated research and extension activity (AREERA Section 104, 105, and 204)?	Yes	Radio button selection	N/A
Integrated Activities Description	Yes, if integrated	4,000 characters	652
Multistate Activities: Is this a multistate activity (AREERA Section 104 and 201)?	Yes, if multistate	Radio button selection	N/A
Multistate Activities Description	Yes	4,000 characters	652

#### **Research Project** What is a Research Project?

A Research Project consists of a set of peer-reviewed, research-focused activities that are organized around a set of objectives and drive toward specific outcomes. Capacity-funded Research Projects address Critical Issues identified through statewide stakeholder input. They provide minimum standards for reporting that comply with federal requirements and feed into individual state Plan of Work accomplishments.

Critical Issues often describe current conditions and the desired future state. Projects set boundaries around distinct activities that aim to advance knowledge, change behavior, and ultimately lead to the desired change in environment identified in the Critical Issue description.

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#### View Research Project

- View the full details of a project selected from the dashboard
- Click "Edit" to change project details
- Click "Submit" to advance the project to either Organizational Review or NIFA Review

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110 - Appraisal of Soil Resources	0210 - Arboreta and botanical gardens	0001 - Administration	50 %
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Is the project exempt from Federal Regulations?			
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#### Research Project Fields

- The accompanying tables display the fields, rules, character limits, and approximate word counts in the Add Projects form for Research
- You will receive error messages below each field when fields are left blank, or character limits are exceeded

Research Project Description Field	Required	Rules and Character Limits	Approximate Word Count
Funding Source	Yes	Dropdown based on eligibility	N/A
Primary Critical Issue	Yes	Dropdown	N/A
Prefix (to Organizational Project Number)	Yes	Dropdown	N/A
Organizational Project Number	Yes	20 characters (allows number or letter combination)	N/A
Title	Yes	175 characters	26
Start Date	Yes	Calendar widget, format mm/dd/yyyy	N/A
End Date	Yes	Calendar widget, format mm/dd/yyyy. Max 5 years from start date.	N/A
Project Director	Yes	Dropdown	N/A
Performing Department	Yes	Dropdown	N/A
Non-Technical Summary	Yes	8,000 characters	1,304
Methodology	Yes	8,000 characters	1,304
<b>Integrated Activities:</b> Is this an integrated research and extension activity (AREERA Section 104, 105, and 204)?	Yes, if multistate	Radio button selection	N/A
Integrated Activities Description	Yes	8,000 characters	1,304
Research Effort Categories	Yes	Basic, Applied, Development categories (must sum to 100%)	N/A

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Research Project Description Field	Required	Rules and Character Limits	Approximate Word Count
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Are Human subjects involved? →If "No", proceed to next question →If "Yes", is the project exempt from Federal regulations? →If "No", enter IRB approval date (Date entry or Calendar picker icon) →If "Yes", select the appropriate exemption number →Select Exemption Number (Dropdown) →Enter IRB Approval Date (Date entry or Calendar picker icon)	Yes	Radio button selections, dropdowns, calendar widget and textbox fields	N/A
Are Vertebrate Animals Used? →If "No", proceed to next element →If "Yes", enter the IACUC Approval date (Date entry or Calendar picker icon)	Yes	Radio button selections, dropdowns, calendar widget and textbox fields	N/A

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#### Help Text

• The accompanying table displays the instruction and supplementary information for each form field.

Field	Instructions	Supplementary Information
Title	Provide a brief title that speaks to the purpose of the project.	_
Start Date	Select a start date appropriate to the timeframe outlined in the Plan of Work.	New projects and programs can be future dated to match the start of the new fiscal year or the point at which activities will begin according to the Plan of Work.
End Date	Select an end date not to exceed 5 years.	(Applies to Research Projects.) Select an end date on which you plan to stop conducting research on this project. The duration of the project may not exceed 5 years. Projects of shorter duration may be extended without approval but may not exceed a total of 5 years from the original start date.
Project Director	Select from a list of Project Directors.	(Applies to Research Projects.)
Initiator	Select from a list of Initiators.	(Applies to Extension Programs.)
Non-Technical Summary	In lay terms, briefly describe the following: (1) the issue and why it is important, (2) your goal and objectives, (3) the target audiences and how they will benefit, and (4) how your activities lead to the proposed outcomes described in the goal statement or objectives.	
Methodology	Describe the ways in which the project will be conducted, with emphasis on the general scientific methods and any unique aspects or significant departures from usual methods.	
Integrated Activities	Is this an integrated research and extension activity (AREERA Section 104, 105, and 204)?	Integrated activities are jointly planned, funded, and interwoven between research and extension to solve problems (NIFA Policy Guide, p. 205). See the system guide for acceptable activities.

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Field	Instructions	Supplementary Information
Research Effort Categories	a. Basic	<b>Basic Research</b> is research that has a primary goal of gaining fuller knowledge or understanding of a subject.
_	b. Applied	<b>Applied Research</b> is research that has a primary goal of the practical application (i.e., "use") of already gained or established knowledge to meet a recognized need or help solve a problem.
_	c. Developmental	<b>Developmental Research</b> is research that uses findings to develop (e.g., produce, create, etc.) useful materials, devices, systems, or methods.
Animal Health Component %	Please enter the percentage of animal health research for this project or "0" for none.	_
Multistate Activities	Is this a multistate activity (AREERA Section 104 and 201)?	Multistate activities are collaborative efforts that reflect the programs of institutions in at least two states or territories. Each participating state or territory must collaborate on objectives and be involved in the outcomes.
Classifications	Knowledge Areas	Knowledge Areas (KAs) classify the scientific, extension, or education topic and align with NIFA's 9 Science Emphasis Areas. The 79 KAs are defined in the Classification Manual: <u>http://nifa.usda.gov/resource/manual-classification</u>
_	Subject of Investigation	This Subject of Investigation (SOI) series provides an additional facet for classification. It is generally the object of the research or activity: the class of plant, animal, organism, material, process, procedure, etc., under investigation: <u>http://nifa.usda.gov/resource/manual-classification</u>
_	Field of Science	The Field of Science (FOS) classification consists of a modified version of the fields of science used by the National Science Foundation for various government wide reports: <u>http://nifa.usda.gov/resource/manual-classification</u>
Are Human Subjects involved?	_	Look up assurance numbers: <u>https://ohrp.cit.nih.gov/search/irbsearch.aspx?styp=bsc</u> STATEMENT OF POLICY - Institutions receiving NIFA funding for research are responsible for protecting

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Human Subject, Federal Regulations exemption	Select the appropriate exemption number.	<ol> <li>Research conducted in established or commonly accepted educational settings.</li> <li>Research involving the use of educational tests (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), survey procedures, interview procedures or observation of public behavior, unless information obtained is recorded in such a manner that human subjects can be identified, and any disclosure of the human subjects' responses outside the research could reasonably place the subjects at risk or be damaging.</li> <li>Research not exempt in #2 may be exempt if, in the use of educational tests, the subjects are elected or appointed officials, or federal statutes require that confidentiality will be maintained.</li> <li>Research involving the collection or study of existing data, documents, records, pathological specimens, or diagnostic specimens.</li> <li>Research and demonstration projects which are designed to study, evaluate, or otherwise examine public benefit or service programs.</li> <li>Taste and food quality evaluation and consumer acceptance studies.</li> </ol>
Are Vertebrate Animals used?		Lookup assurance number: <u>https://www.aalas.org/iacuc/iacuc_resources/iacucs</u> Prior to commencing research activities with vertebrate animals, all protocols involving animals in NIFA-funded projects must be approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). More information can be found here: <u>http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/sampledoc/assur.htm</u>