

# SPONSORED PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) is the pre-award grant and contract office and provides:

- Proposal budget review and final approval;
- Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) signature on proposals and awards;
- Information on federal user account access and proposal submission through federal electronic systems;
- Award negotiation for all external awards made to NDSU except for private industry.
- Guidance and submission of post-award non-financial award changes to sponsors (no-cost extension of time, PI change, budget revisions etc.);

PROPOSAL PROCESS	AWARD PROCESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify a funding opportunity.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Resources: Atom Grants, Grants.gov, agency websites</li></ul></li><li>• Read sponsor guidelines and prepare proposal components within guidelines.</li><li>• Create a proposal record in the Novelution system to route your proposal for institutional review and approval.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Prior institutional review and approval is required for all proposal submissions, whether NDSU is the lead entity or a subawardee.</li></ul></li><li>• Submit Proposal.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Be aware of time zone for submission.</li><li>- Federal electronic submission systems will be done by SPA.</li><li>- Other submissions are done by the faculty PI.</li></ul></li><li>• Forward any status updates received from sponsor to SPA.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forward awards to SPA for negotiation and AOR signature.</li><li>• Once award is fully signed, you will receive notice from Grant &amp; Contract Accounting with your account number and you can begin your project!</li></ul>
POST AWARD CHANGES	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create an “award amendment request” in Novelution.</li><li>• Grant and Contact Accounting will review and respond to budget revisions.</li><li>• SPA will review and respond to all other change requests.</li></ul>

## Novelution

- Access Novelution through InCommon Login Service at <https://erac.ndsu.edu>.
  - Enter your NDSU username and passphrase to login. Authentication with Duo is required to gain access.
- Create and route proposals through Department/Center, College and Sponsored Programs for approvals.
  - Complete required fields and upload any other proposal documents requiring AOR signature.
- A budget tool is available to assist with budget development and can be downloaded to EXCEL.
- View award documents in the award and related documentation panel.
- Use Expenditure Charts to track high level budget category and expenditure information.

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