



Research.gov Financial Services

Beginning in January 2012, National Science Foundation awardee institutions must use Research.gov to access all online financial services required for grants management. This impacts all FastLane financial users with one or more of the following access permissions: Cash Request User, Grantee EFT User, Federal Financial Report (FFR) Preparer, FFR Certifier.

Two changes are part of this transition:

- You must use Research.gov to access the following FastLane financial services: Cash Requests, Cash Request History, Grantee EFT Update and Grantee EFT Update History
- As the result of a change in NSF policy, you must use Research.gov to prepare and submit FFRs beginning with reports due on February 1, 2012

Accessing Financial Functions on Research.gov

You will only be able to access financial functions by going directly to Research.gov and using your current FastLane login credentials to login. If you try to access financial functions through FastLane, the system will automatically transfer you to Research.gov to login.

Follow these steps to login to Research.gov and access the financial functions:

1. Go to www.research.gov
2. Select "NSF User" from the left-hand login menu and click "Go"
3. Log in to Research.gov with your last name, NSF ID, and password (the same as used for FastLane)
4. Click on "Financial Functions" in the left navigation bar to access Cash Requests, Cash Request History, Grantee EFT Update and Grantee EFT Update History
5. OR click on "Federal Financial Report" in the left navigation bar to access the FFR service

Using the Research.gov FFR Service

The FFR is a government-wide standard financial report used to report on your organization's NSF financial grant activity every quarter. You must use Research.gov to prepare and submit FFRs beginning with reports that are due on February 1, 2012.

The process of preparing and submitting FFRs in Research.gov is similar to FastLane. With the FFR service, you can:

- Adjust financially closed awards
- Access web-based forms pre-populated with organization and grant information
- Download and upload the FFR attachment in Microsoft Excel format (2003 & 2007)

How does the FFR service help awardees?

- Simplifies financial report requirements
- Offers a single page FFR to institutions with one NSF award
- Provides ease and clarity to grant financial reporting
- Highlights new awards and awards with canceling appropriations on the FFR attachment to make them easier to identify
- Saves time by providing a standard format, consistent reporting requirements, and a single submission location
- Makes complying with federal-wide reporting requirements easier

What is Research.gov?

Research.gov is an exciting initiative that enables organizations and grantees to access streamlined research grants management services and other resources for multiple federal agencies in one location. Led by NSF, Research.gov is the modernization of FastLane and evolves NSF's grants management systems to increase the quality and scope of services for the research community. The modernization will include moving legacy FastLane capabilities to a new, modern portal platform.

Research.gov Help Desk

For assistance, please contact the Research.gov Help Desk, 7 AM - 9 PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except for federal holidays). You can contact the Research.gov Help Desk at rgov@nsf.gov or by calling 1.800.381.1532.

