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The Office of Research provides support, liaison and guidance for all clinical, basic and student research efforts. We are launching a "Did you know?" series.   The message is to provide information on research and clinical grants, contracts, purchases on funded projects, IRB, and IACUC. Please share comments, suggestions for topics, and ideas in enhancing support from the Office of Research to Lenora.G.Trujillo@uth.tmc.edu.

Did you know UTHealth "START" went live on September 2, 2019?

UTHealth START is a web-based application designed to execute & manage all sponsored project activity from start to finish. All faculty are encouraged to have access to the system. If you do not have access to "START" contact Lenora Trujillo, Lenora.G.Trujillo@uth.tmc.edu, in the School of Dentistry Office of Research for guidance.

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The following modules are currently available:
- **System Navigation and Basic Functions** addresses system navigation and functionality.
- **SPIN (Sponsored Programs Information Network)** is a searchable database that provides real-time access to current research funding opportunities.
- **SMARTS (SPIN Matching and Research Transmittal Service):** SMARTS is an automated system that periodically queries the SPIN database and sends notifications to investigators regarding available funding opportunities in their field of study.
- **Proposal Development (PD)** allows you to review, and submit research proposal applications for grants and contracts.
- Proposal Tracking (PT) acts as a central clearinghouse of both Pre- and Post-Award information. It provides a single reference point for tracking all details related to proposals including: budgets, subcontracts, approvals, technical reports, and all associated communications.
- **Budgeting** for proposals, grant awards and monetary agreements in the Proposal Development and Proposal Tracking modules of the START system. The budgets are built (proposed and awarded) in these modules and are confirmed in the Award Tracking module before it is published in Financial Tracking.
- **Financial Tracking (FT)** automatically routs and matches Sponsor accounts to Institutional Financial Accounts using the sponsor rules and reporting requirements.
- **Subawards (SA)** captures and stores the SOW, LOI, Risk Assessment, COI information, Deliverables, Approvals, Risk Level, and Email communication with staff at the subrecipient institution can be tracked enhancing ability to collect biosketches or other documents from them.
- **Agreement (AG)** provides enhanced support for both financial and non-financial agreements that may not be related to a proposal record or may be related to more than one proposal record. Internal routing and workflow management can be utilized to track agreement progress as well as tracking related communications.