Modernizing NSF Business via Research.gov

Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) General Meeting

May 2014

Today's Agenda

- Modernization Efforts
- Research.gov Resources
- Feedback

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS

Background

- Research.gov is the National Science Foundation's (NSF) modernization of FastLane, providing the next generation of grants management capabilities for the research community.

Financial Services

- Program income reporting (effective March 2014)
- Preparing for NSF's new financial and accounting system
  - Financial services unavailable from **September 19 to October 13**
  - **Last date to submit drawdowns for awards with cancelling funds is September 18**
- Beginning October 1, NSF will begin making all payments using System for Award Management (SAM) banking information

Project Reporting

- 68,000+ project reports submitted via Research.gov
- Continuous enhancements to improve user experience
  - Pre-population
  - BibTeX Upload
  - Copy/paste Functionality
  - Demo Site
  - Video Tutorial

Single Sign-on Capabilities

- Researchers and SPOs can use their university-issued user ID and password to login to Research.gov via InCommon
  - 57 institutions are connected with Research.gov (30 more in the pipeline)

- Single Sign-on between Research.gov and FastLane

InCommon Metrics

Month	Logins	% of total	% change
November 2013	133	0.7%	↓ 17%
December 2013	123	0.8%	↓ 8%
January 2014	174	1.0%	↑ 41%
February 2014	123	0.8%	↓ 29%
March 2014	159	1.1%	↑ 29%

Top 10 Leaderboard (Jan. - March 2014):

Rank	University	Total Logins
1	UC Riverside	56
2	U Wisconsin-Madison	52
3	U Cincinnati	44
4	Texas A&M	37
5	U Alabama - Birmingham	31
6	Carnegie Mellon	27
7	UC Davis	26
8	CSU – East Bay	24
9	Texas Tech	24
10	UC Berkeley	23

Institution Profile Management

- New project to minimize effort of registering a new institution and maintaining institution profiles
  - Minimizes data entry
  - SAM as authoritative data source
  - Cleans up data
  - Updates registration process

Notifications & Requests

- Plan to migrate to Research.gov
  - Planning and development activities will begin in FY 2014
  - Improved navigation and workflow
  - Implement OMB's Uniform Guidance

Proposal Submission

- Planning activities began in FY 2014
- Evaluating proposal preparation and submission capabilities in FastLane
- Identifying process, data, and technology enhancements and phased approach to migrating functionality to Research.gov

RESEARCH.GOV RESOURCES

Additional Resources

- New Research.gov Listserv - System_Updates-subscribe-request@listserv.nsf.gov
- Project Reporting Demo Site
- Online Help
- Research.gov Services Fact Sheets
- Project Reporting Video Tutorial
- Research.gov BibTeX Video Tutorial – Coming Soon

HELP US IMPROVE RESEARCH.GOV!

Usability

- Our goal is to make Research.gov easier to use
  - Using a User Centered Design approach

Other goals:

- Better integration with FastLane. You will be seeing a gradual blending of the two sites
- Adopt a common NSF look-and-feel

Usability (con't)

For User Centered Design to work, we need user input.

You can help today…

- Take the survey at:

  http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Researchgov

- Get interviewed at the Research.gov booth about navigation options

We Are listening

Other sources of feedback:

Feedback Form

ForeSee Survey

Web Metrics

Help Desk tickets

FDP

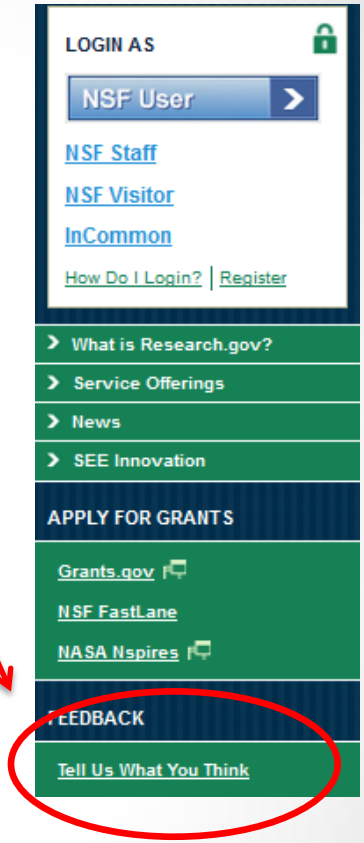
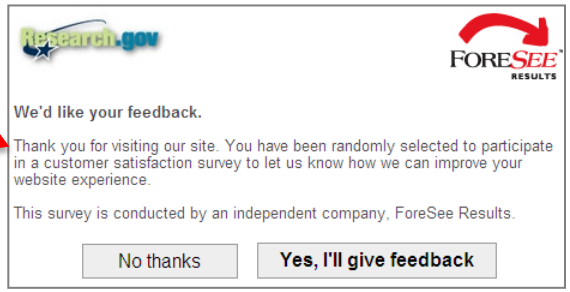
Usability Evaluations

Come to our booth today learn more about our usability activities!

Provide Feedback

Take the persona survey

Complete the online feedback form



Take the ForeSee survey