

Kuali Proposal Development Approver Guide

This document walks you through how to review and approve a proposal in Kuali Proposal Development (PD).

This document uses headers for easier navigation.

- In Microsoft Word, turn on the Navigation Pane under the View toolbar Show section in Microsoft Word to see a lefthand menu of headings available to click through.
- In PDF view Bookmarks in the side menu to see the menu of headings to click through.

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Resources

Below are some additional resources to assist you with Kuali Proposal Development.

Approver Video

There is a 7-minute video that walk through the basics for reviewing and approving a proposal, this is available at the following link: Kuali PD Approver Video

Accessibility

Kuali completes VPATs (Voluntary Product Accessibility Template) on a regular basis to help maintain AA WCAG standard and responds to findings from the VPAT throughout the year. Kuali's most recent VPAT was conducted using Jaws 2021 screen reader.

Department Support

Be sure to work with any department level support you may have available to you. Each area within UMB has defined at least one proposal aggregator, see Roles and Responsibilities in Kuali PD section for definitions of the roles in Kuali.

ORSP Contacts

- General Kuali questions: ORSPTraining@umb.edu
 - Questions specific to a proposal should be directed to your Preaward contact
- Ginny Maki, Assistant Director of ORSP eRA Systems and Training: Virginia.Maki@umb.edu
- Shala Bonyun, Associate Director of ORSP Preaward Support Services: Shala.Bonyun@umb.edu
- ORSP Website: https://www.umb.edu/orsp

Acronyms

PD - Kuali Proposal Development

IP - Kuali Institutional Proposal

PS - PeopleSoft

IRB - Institutional Review Board

COI - Conflict of Interest

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F&A – Facilities and Administration, typically refers to overhead rate in a sponsor program setting

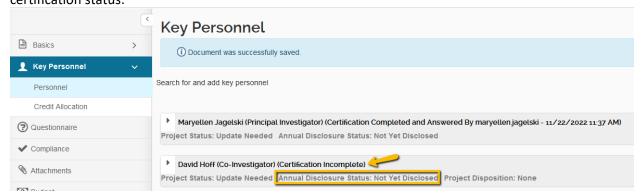
Roles and Responsibilities in Kuali PD

- Aggregators
 - Edit rights to all proposals within a department, includes ability to initiate proposals
- Creators
 - Edit rights to proposals they initiate
- PIs & Co-PIs
 - o Initiate, Review and Approve, Certifications for their own proposals, Update Conflict of Interest
- Approvers
 - Pls, co-Pls, Directors, Chairs & Deans, Financial/Grant Managers, or their delegates
- ORSP Preaward
 - o Review, Approve, Submit to Sponsor

Conflict of Interest (COI)

PIs and co-PIs must complete/update their conflict of interest within Kuali COI prior to approving a proposal. Kuali PD will send a notification to the PI and any co-PIs alerting them to update their COI at the time a proposal is submitted for review. It is recommended to complete the COI as soon as possible once a proposal has been submitted for review and approval, ORSP will not grant final approval of a proposal where the PI or any co-PIs have incomplete COIs.

COI status for PIs and co-PIs can be viewed under the Key Personnel section. Here is an example of the COI and certification status:



Note that the disclosure references that it is annual, however, new proposals could present areas where conflicts may exist that were not previously present. Think of the 'Annual' as 'At Least Annual', rather than only yearly. Also, a proposal will not be added to the Conflict of Interest list of projects until it has been submitted for review and approval, completing the COI prior to submit for review does not complete the COI requirement for that proposal.

Flow for Kuali Research

Proposals are created in Proposal Development (PD), and once completed become an Institutional Proposal (IP). Institutional Proposals become Awards and once submitted, are sent to PeopleSoft (PS) as a PS proposal. Kuali Research Modules all relate to each other: Subawards, IRB, COI are all tied to PD, IP, and Awards.

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What Goes into Kuali PD?

All proposals must be captured in Kuali PD as early as possible, even if there is no formal proposal process. Our research community must work as proactively as possible with ORSP on any pending contracts before anything is submitted to the sponsor, including budget and scope of work documents. No documents should be communicated to a sponsor without ORSP review and approval, even during the drafting process.

Submission Deadline

ORSP has a 5-day submission deadline – proposals must be submitted and completely routed through workflow approval in Kuali at least 5 business days prior to the sponsor due date. Until a proposal has had final review and approval, certain existing attachments in Kuali PD may be updated during the approval process without triggering the need to resubmit. See the Attachments – Staggered Deadline section below for more information.

Attachments – Staggered Deadline

Certain attachment files that do not represent substantive changes to the proposal may be replaced while the proposal is in workflow approval routing (see list below). New attachments cannot be added once a proposal has been submitted for review and approval. Any attachments that are still in draft status will be marked as incomplete until they are finalized, once finalized they will be marked as complete.

Replaced Attachments trigger an Ad Hoc notification, users must click the Send Notifications button to notify approvers who have already approved the proposal, the proposal aggregator, and ORSP of the file change.

Attachments that may be incomplete and are able to be replaced while the proposal is in workflow approval routing are:

- Narrative
- Bibliography
- Project Summary
- Table of Contents
- Biosketch

Notifications from Kuali PD

Notifications are sent automatically from Kuali PD at several different stages during the proposal entry and routing process. Kuali also has the ability to send notifications on an ad hoc basis.

Notifications from Kuali will include some basic information about the proposal, details regarding the specific notification purpose, and may also include navigational links. All emails sent from Kuali PD will come from email address: no-reply@kuali.co and have been set so they will not trigger the external email warning banner in Outlook.

Examples of emails sent automatically from Kuali:

- Upon saving a new proposal
 - o Sent to: PI, ORSP, and the proposal aggregators for the lead unit
- Approver Workflow
 - Sent to approvers as their approval task comes up in the workflow
- Proposal Returned during approval process

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- Sent to proposal aggregator and all approvers that have already approved
- Proposal status changed to Submitted to Sponsor
 - For Phase I this creates the entry in the next Kuali module, Phase II this would trigger the S2S submission
 - o Sent to PI/co-PI, ORSP, aggregator

Examples of a Kuali email notifications:

New proposal created email example

Subject: Proposal No. [XX] in [LEAD UNIT], PI: [PI NAME] has been created

[EMAIL TEXT:]

[PROPOSAL AGGREGATOR] has created a proposal in Kuali Research:

- Proposal No. [XX]
- Title: [PROPOSAL TITLE]
- PI: [PI NAME]
- Lead Unit: [DEPT ID NUMBER] [DEPT ID DESCRIPTION]
- Sponsor: [SPONSOR NAME]
- Due Date: [PROPOSAL SPONSOR DUE DATE]

Approval Action email example

Subject: Kuali Research Action - Proposal - APPROVE - PI: [PI NAME] - Due Date: [DATE] - Lead Unit: [DEPT ID] - Sponsor: [SPONSOR NAME] - Title: [PROPOSAL TITLE]

Please complete the APPROVE action for [PI NAME] in Proposal for "[PROPOSAL TITLE]" Your timely action is requested.

Failure to act when an approval is requested will stop routing.

To review the requested action: [LINK TO KUALI PROPOSAL APPROVAL]

Or, to see all actions requested: [LINK TO ACTION LIST] and then click on the numeric Document ID: [DOCUMENT REFERENCE NUMBER] in the first column of the List.

See the Approval Notifications section for more information.

Creating an Ad Hoc Notification

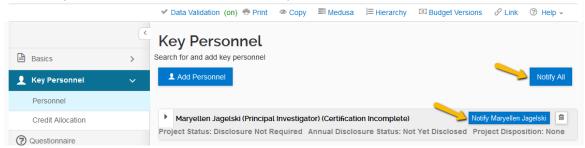
Ad hoc notification emails may be sent from the Key Personnel section to specific, or all Key Persons, and may also be sent from the Summary/Submit section. Emailing a contact directly from Kuali PD has the benefit of including specific proposal information for reference purposes.

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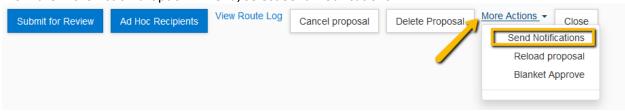
Go the Key Personnel section and select a Notify button.



Go to the Summary/Submit section using the lefthand navigation menu.



From the More Action dropdown menu, select Send Notifications

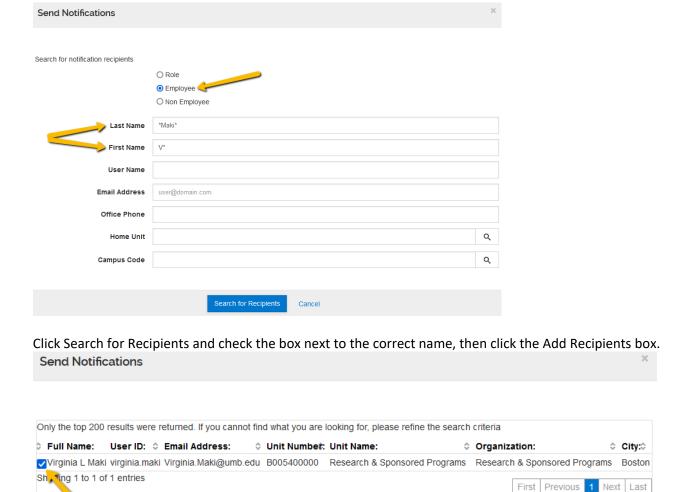


In the pop-up window, select the Employee radio button and search for the employee you wish to email. Don't forget to search using the wildcard asterisk to aid your lookup.

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A new window will pop-up where you can draft your email. You can edit the subject line and add additional recipients. Complete the body of the email in the Message box and click Send Notification to send the email.

Go back

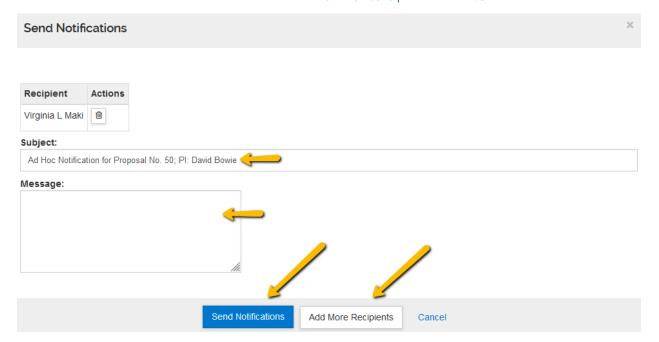
Cancel

Add Recipients

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Accessing Kuali PD and Basic Navigation

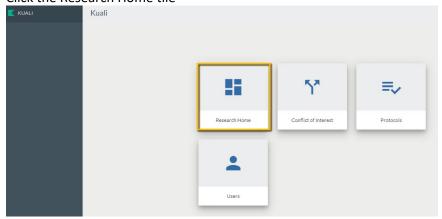
Most often as an approver you will be accessing Kuali PD directly from notifications you receive from the system. You may also wish to log in directly to Kuali PD to search and view proposals being submitted and reviewed in your areas. This section walks you through how to access and log into Kuali PD and provides some basic navigational information.

Logging in

Accessing Kuali (production environment)

Go to the ORSP UMB Website/Kuali for a link to log in – https://www.umb.edu/orsp/kuali_research Uses single sign-on, log in using your regular UMB credentials as you would to access HR or your email.

Click the Research Home tile



Dashboard

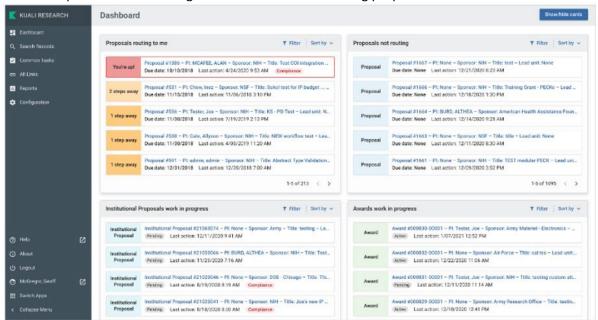
This brings you to the Kuali Dashboard, here you will see your:

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- Proposals Routing to me Proposals that need my action
 - Any proposal where the logged in user is in the workflow path and has not yet approved the proposal, it will also let you know how many steps you are away from being up for reviewing and approving a proposal
 - o Compliance alerts you when a proposal has a compliance component
- Proposals Not Routing Proposal in your area that have not yet been submitted
 - Shows you any of your proposals that have been initiated/saved, but have not yet been submitted into workflow
- Work in progress
 - Shows all your IPs, Awards, Subawards that are saved/initiated, but not finalized
- Proposal Workload Assignments Status of all routing proposals



Note – Items in the dashboard are in edit status, completed items are available to view using the Search tools, see the <u>Searching Records</u> section.

Zendesk for Dashboard Overview:

https://kuali-research.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360011575473-Dashboard-Overview

Lefthand Menu in Kuali

Kuali has a lefthand navigational menu throughout the research module.

Note – if the lefthand menu is collapsed, click the arrow at the very bottom to expand or collapse.

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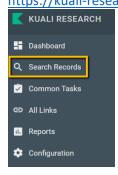
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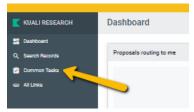
Searching Records

In addition to the Dashboard, Kuali also provides an ability to search records, see the Search Records link on the lefthand menu. Kuali Zendesk has an excellent guide for searching and applying custom filters here: https://kuali-research.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360029976374-Dashboard-Search-Records



Common Tasks

Click the Common Tasks in the lefthand menu.



The Common Tasks clipboard includes quick links to common actions, including All My Proposals, Create Proposal, Search Proposal, and the Action List. You can also access Protocols and COI here.



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Action List

The Action List is available under the Quick Links section of the Common Tasks section of Kuali PD and includes a listing of items that need your attention. You can access your pending approvals, recent notifications, and recent actions you have taken in Kuali.

On the Action List you may click the show button to view more details for each item in your action list. You may also navigate directly to items through your action list.

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Action List

Action List | Outbox

6 items retrieved, displaying all items.

	Id	Туре	Title	Route Status	Action Requested
▶ show	30605	KC Notification	Regarding your involvement in Development Proposal Ginny Test Proposal - Impersonating Caitlin McGovern	FINAL	FYI
▶ show	30606	KC Notification	Proposal Person Certification Completed	FINAL	FYI
▶ show	30711	Proposal Development Document	Testing; Proposal No: 28; PI: David Hoff; Sponsor: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION; Due Date: 10/31/2022	ENROUTE	APPROVE
▶ show	30739	Proposal Development Document	Example Title for T; Proposal No: 32; Pl: David Hoff; Sponsor: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; Due Date: 11/01/2022	ENROUTE	APPROVE
▶ show	30740	KC Notification	Proposal Person Certification Completed	FINAL	FYI
▶ show	30749	KC Notification	Proposal Person Certification Completed	FINAL	FYI

Asterix Wildcard Lookup

In Kuali the asterisk (*) functions as a wildcard for looking up values. Wherever you are looking up a record (person, organization...) you can use an * to search for partial values. Place an asterisk before and/or after your partial value to search.

Examples:

Princet* - searches for anything that starts with 'Princet' *setts – searches for anything that ends with 'setts'

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Boston - searches for anything that contains 'Boston'

Reviewing for Approval

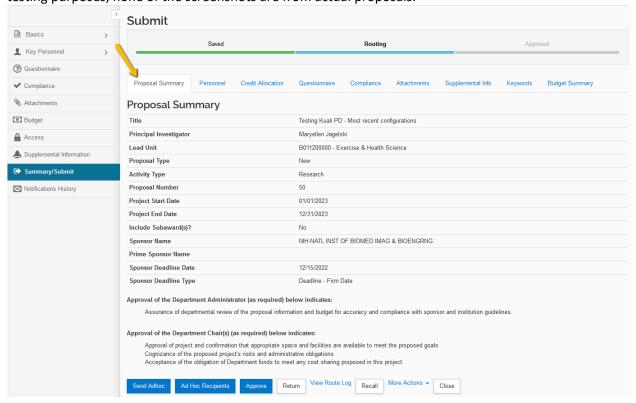
All proposals must be properly reviewed prior to approval. If you navigate to a proposal to review and approve via an email notification from Kuali PD, you will be brought directly to the Summary/Submit section of the proposal.

The PI and any co-PIs must complete their certifications and update their conflict of interest during their review and approval step.

All proposal details are captured in the Summary/Submit section, navigate through each tab to verify everything is captured correctly and there are no unanswered concerns related to this proposal prior to approving.

Proposal Summary Tab

The first tab is the Proposal Summary that includes the basic details for the proposal Note – The examples used in this guide are from our test environment, which is populated with random data for testing purposes, none of the screenshots are from actual proposals.



Personnel Tab

The Personnel Tab shows the Key Persons associated with the proposal. This section also indicates if the Key Persons have completed their certifications. Clicking the view link provides a pop-up of the text of the

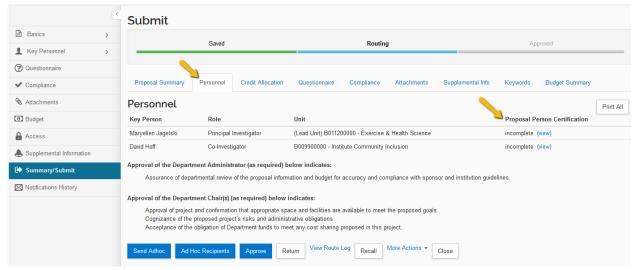
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certifications, PIs and co-PIs need to navigate to the Key Personnel section to complete their certifications, this can be done multiple ways, see the <u>Certifications</u> and <u>Certifying through the Data Validation Link</u> section below.

Note – PIs and co-PIs must also ensure their Conflict of Interest is up to date, see the <u>Conflict of Interest</u> section for more information.



Certifications

Proposal Person Certifications can be viewed, and checkboxes completed in the Key Personnel section of Kuali PD. Using the left-hand menu, navigate to Key Personnel/Personnel section, then to the Proposal Person Certification tab. Click the arrow next to your name to view the person details.

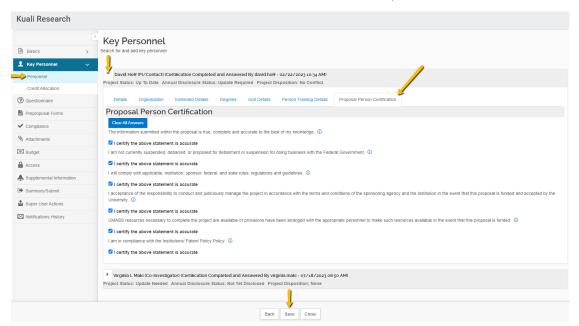
- Certifications must be completed by all PIs and co-PIs
- Certifications must be completed prior to the PI and co-PI completing their approvals
 - PIs and co-PIs certifications can be completed during their approval step
- Key Personnel other than PIs and co-PIs do not need to certify

Carefully review the certification statements, check each box and save. This action along with your approval attests that the information in this proposal is complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge. Save and return to the Summary/Submit section when complete.

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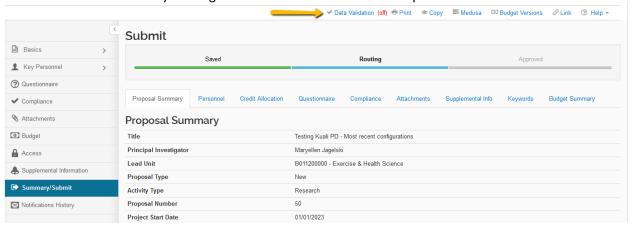


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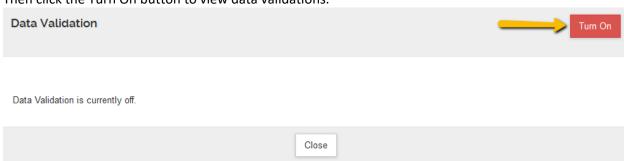


Certifying through the Data Validation Link

Turn on Data Validations by clicking the Data Validation link in the top menu bar.



Then click the Turn On button to view data validations.



The Fix It link brings you directly to the certifications section in Kuali PD.

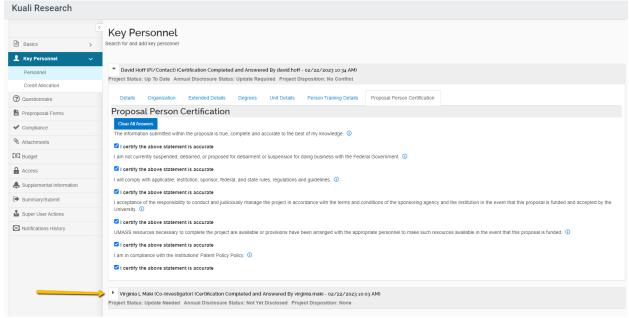
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Note – the default view once you click the fixit link will be for the PI/Contact, scroll down to find your own name if you are not the PI/Contact.

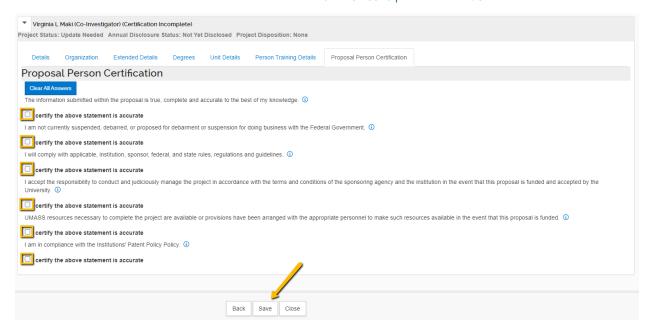


Click on the arrow to open the person details. Carefully review the certifications, check each box, and save.

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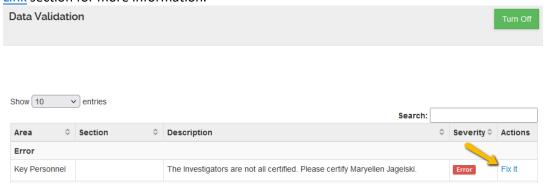


Data Validation Error - Certifications

PIs and co-PIs may see the message below when you click the approve button, this happens if you have not yet completed your certifications. Click the Data Validation link to view and correct the validation errors.



When you click the Data Validation link, the following error will show if the certifications are incomplete, clicking on the Fix It link brings you directly to where you need to certify, see the Certifying through the Data Validation Link section for more information.



Credit Allocation Tab

This confirms the intellectual credit allocation and the percentage of F&A to be returned for this specific proposal, this takes the place of the allocation portion of the MOU for proposals that have Co-Investigators.

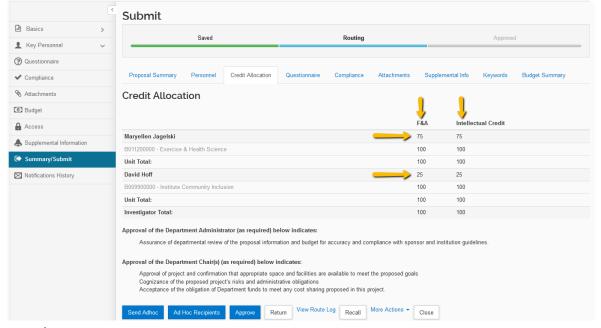
Approving a proposal also approves the F&A and Credit Allocation as captured for each person.

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Note, the Departments associated with each person will show 100 entered for each category.



PI and co-PI MOU

The PI and co-PI Memorandum of Understanding has been replaced by the Credit Allocation and roles and responsibilities assignments captured in the Supplemental Information sections. See the <u>Supplemental Information Tab</u> section for more information.

PI and co-PI approvals also approve the credit allocation, F&A distribution, and the roles and responsibilities as laid out in Kuali PD.

F&A Distribution

F&A is dispersed via RTF (Research Trust Funds) at to the college level and is distributed down by the colleges unless other arrangements have been made within a specific college. Colleges are responsible for and manage the RTF distribution process. Approving a proposal is agreeing to the distribution as captured in Kuali PD. ORSP provides the information to colleges as captured in our systems, and colleges use this information to inform their annual distributions, so it is important to ensure this is captured correctly at the outset.

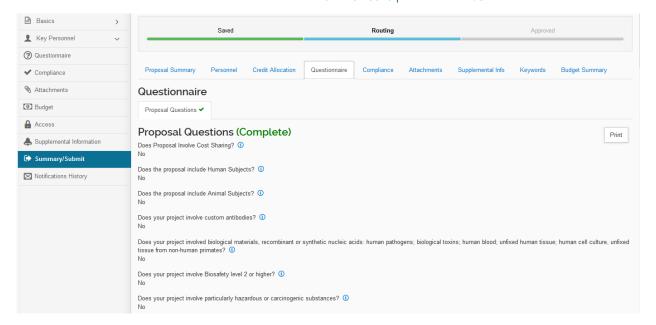
Questionnaire Tab

Here you will see answers to the questionnaire questions that were completed for this proposal. This provides important insight into any compliance, space related, or hiring concerns related to this proposal. These answers will also indicate whether the proposal involves community outreach, and if additional hiring is planned.

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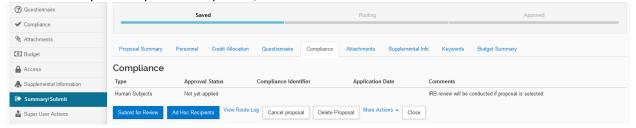


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Compliance Tab

The Compliance Tab is where protocols are captured. Information in the Questionnaire and on the Budget should all tie out, if Human Subjects are included in the ORSP Budget Workbook, and if the Questionnaire answers have protocol positive responses, this section should have related entries.



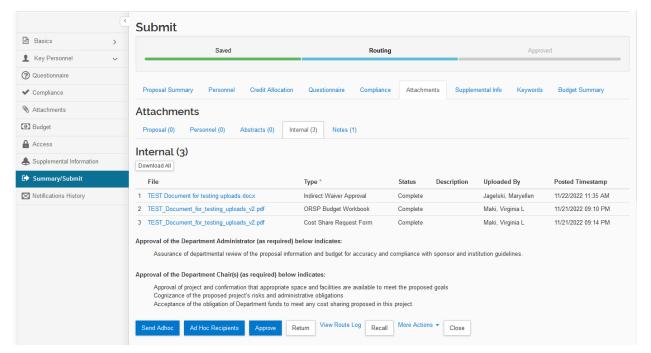
Attachments Tab

Here you can view attachments that have been uploaded for this proposal. The Proposal attachments tab includes documents that would be submitted directly to the sponsor. The Internal attachments tab include documents that are for internal UMB purposed. Click the attachment name link to view the file.

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Supplemental Information Tab

Here is where you can view the detailed roles and responsibilities for the PI and co-PI(s) assigned to this proposal. This takes the place of the second page of the PI/co-PI MOU document.

PI and co-PI approvals also approve the credit allocation, F&A distribution, and the roles and responsibilities as laid out in Kuali PD.



Keywords Tab

Note we are not currently using Keywords, there should be no Keywords captured here. You may ignore this tab. UPDATE – This tab has been removed from the view in the Summary/Submit section.

Budget Summary Tab

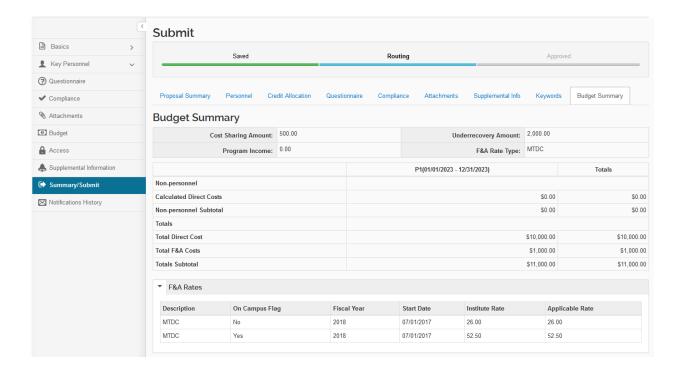
The Budget Summary shows the summary level budget including any cost share or underrecovery (waived F&A). Information here should tie to other details captured in the proposal including:

- Attachments (Waived F&A Approval Form, Cost Share forms)
- Questionnaire (cost share and waived F&A positive responses)
- F&A Rates (tie to the rate aligning with the Activity Type in the Proposal Summary Tab)

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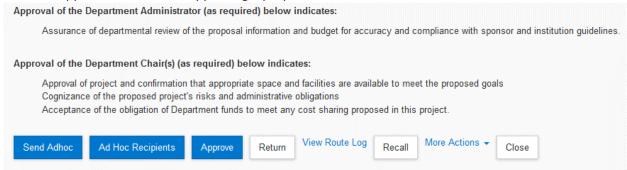


Approving

Once you have completely reviewed the proposal by navigating through all the details in the tabs within the Summary/Submit section, you can click the Approve button.

PIs and co-PIs must also complete their certifications and update their COI prior to approving their proposals, see the Certifications and Conflict of Interest sections.

Note the approval statements, approving a proposal indicates confirmation of these statements.



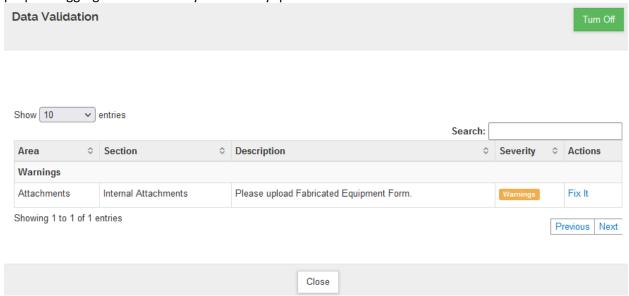
Once approved the proposal will move through the approval workflow to the next set of approvers. See Workflow for more information.

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Data Validation - Warnings

You may see warning messages, warnings will not stop a proposal from moving forward. Reach out to your proposal aggregator or the PI if you have any questions.



Workflow

Workflow is setup within Kuali PD based on departments and PIs/co-PIs associated with the proposal. If more than one department is associated with a proposal, there will be approval workflows for each of those departments in addition to the lead department.

This section gives you an overview of the workflow within Kuali PD.

View Route Log

Note the View Route Log link. This is where you can view the workflow approval routing established for this proposal. Workflow approval routing is automatically defined by the information captured within the proposal including PI and co-PI, and the Department IDs associated with the proposal.



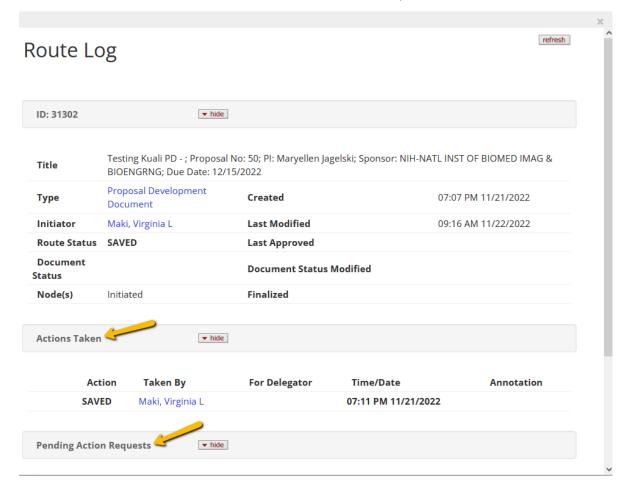
You can view the status of each approval step in the routing log as well as the order of the upcoming approvers. Click the View Route Log link.

Prior to submitting for review the route log looks like this:

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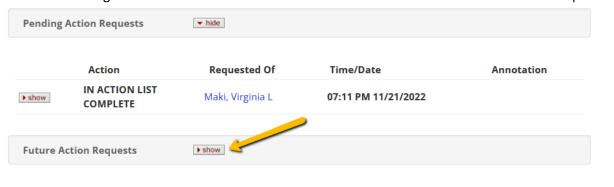
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Note there are multiple sections in the Route Log.

- The top section provides proposal details.
- The Actions Taken section shows what steps have been taken to date.
- The Pending Actions Requests shows who is up for the next action.
- The Future Action Requests shows the rest of the routing actions beyond the pending ones.

Scroll down using the side scroll bar and click on the show button to view the Future Action Requests.



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Click the show button for each individual approval line to view additional details.



The Priority section shows you at what stage each approval occurs, priority levels that have the same number are simultaneous. Earlier actions have lower priority numbers.



Routing Steps

Proposals are routed through workflow in the following order:

- 1. ORSP Preaward Contact
- 2. PI/co-PI
- 3. Financial/Research Manager for each Department ID associated to the proposal
- 4. Chair/Director (or equivalent) for each Department ID associated to the proposal
- 5. Dean (or equivalent) for each Department ID associated to the proposal
- 6. ORSP Preaward Contact

Additional workflow approval steps may exist depending on the heirarchy setup for your area. If an approver fills multiple roles within a specific workflow, they will need to approve at each step.

Approval Notifications

When a Proposal is submitted for review, or an approval stop in the route log is completed, a Notification is sent to all users listed in the next level of the route log. The notification includes several details about the proposal in the subject line of the email. If the user clicks on the Document# link, they will be taken immediately to the Summary/Submit screen of the Proposal and can complete their review. If they click on the Action List link, they will be taken to their Action List and can see a list of all items that are pending their review. See the Action List section for more information.

See the <u>Notifications from Kuali PD</u> sections for more information.

Zendesk Article on the PD Approval Process:

https://kuali-research.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360007791114-Proposal-Proposal-Development-Approval-Process

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Recall a Proposal

Once a proposal has been submitted for review, the aggregator and the PI have the ability to recall the proposal for additional editing. This action can be taken in the Summary/Submit section of the proposal. As part of the recall action, you must enter a reason for the action in the confirmation window that appears. Once recalled, the proposal will once again populate in the Proposals not routing tile in the Dashboard any may be edited.



Note – additional approvers in the workflow do not have the ability to recall a proposal.

Return a Proposal

If the proposal requires substantial corrections Approvers can use the return action to reopen the proposal for additional edits by the PI or aggregator. As part of the return action, you must enter a reason for the action in the confirmation window that appears. Once returned, all of the proposal details, narratives, and budget can be fully edited by the aggregator and then resubmitted into the approval routing workflow for submission.

Attachments may be replaced by new files during the approval process without returning the proposal, new attachments may not be added unless a proposal is returned or recalled.

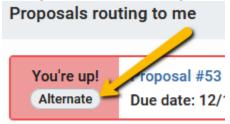


Note – All approvers have the ability to return a proposal they are reviewing for approval.

Delegate Approvers

Delegates are alternate approvers that have the ability to approve if an assigned approver is unavailable. Delegates should only approve if the assigned approver is legitimately unavailable to review and approve a proposal, for instance if they are on vacation or unexpectedly out of the office without access to university systems. Note – Investigators must approve any proposal they are associated with.

If you are a delegate, proposals you have access to approve will populate on your Dashboard on the Proposals routing to me tile, with the tag Alternate as pictured below:



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