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Research Administration Support System (RASS) Project

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Outline

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- Implementation of a comprehensive, integrated system to manage proposals, awards, and compliance data
 - Pre and post-award non-financial (financial transactions will continue to be managed in KFS)
 - IRB, COI, IBC, IACUC, AUHSP, Animal Facilities, and Census
 - Integrations between modules and with CU systems, e.g. KFS, HR
- Functionality from existing reporting systems will be supported
 - RA Dashboards/Portal
 - PI Dashboards
 - Executive Dashboards (OVPR Metrics)
 - Campus data mart integrations

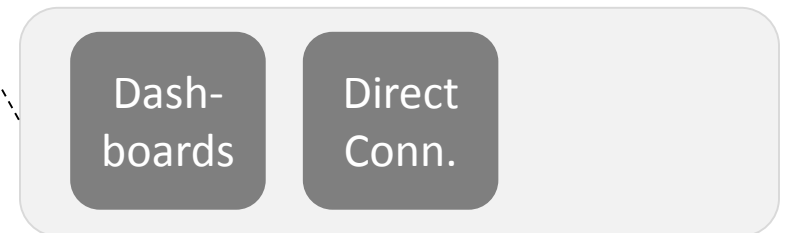
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Integrations

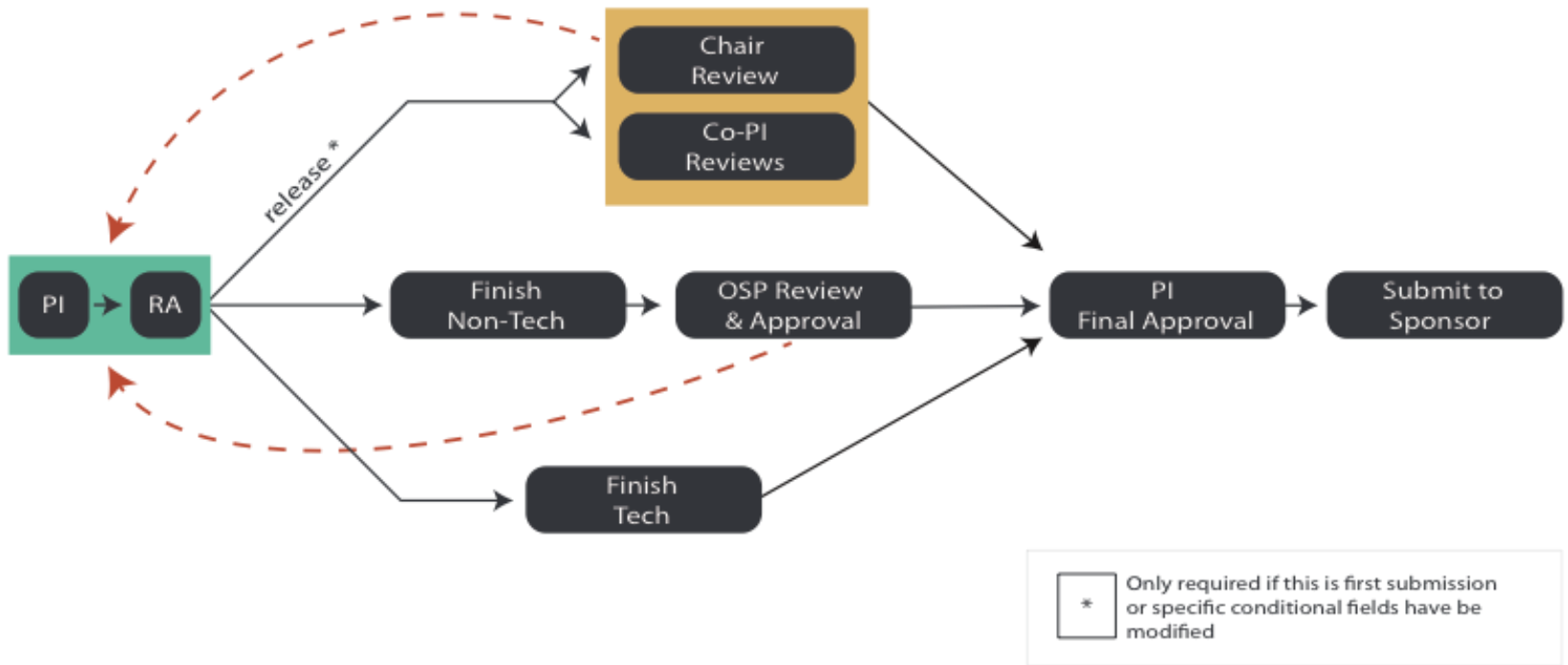


Reporting



- No more Form-10
 - Manual paper-based routing will be replaced with automated system using simple forms pre-filled with basic information
 - Mobile friendly for remote approvals
- Who will use the system?
 - Researchers, central and departmental administrators from the Ithaca-based campuses
- Key features for proposal and award management
 - Budget development tool w/built in rates and auto-generated justification
 - Allows for entry of effort to be used in current-and-pending, including internal awards
 - System to System (S2S) Submission through grants.gov with prior validation checks
 - Note: not mandatory – PIs may still use agency systems

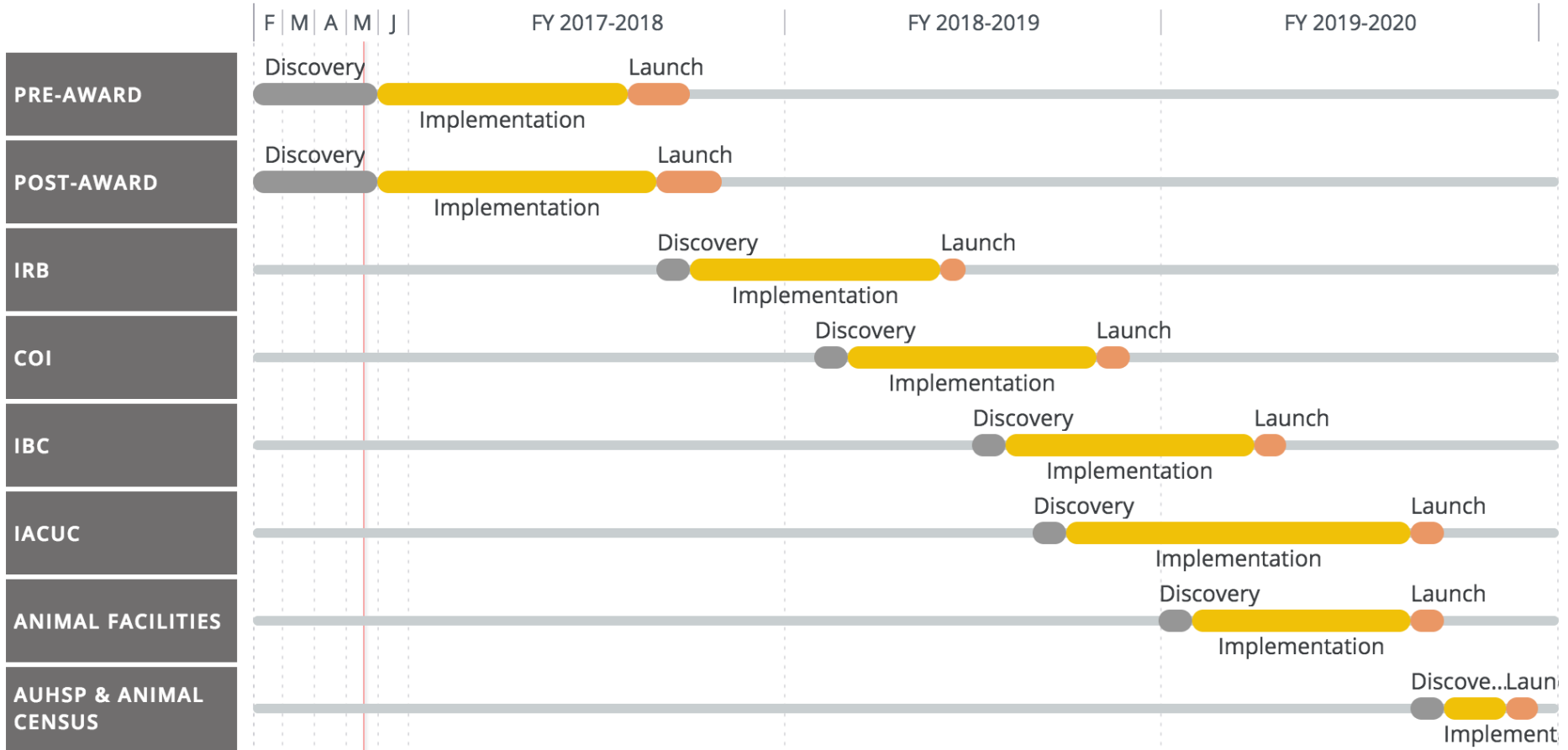
Things to know - routing



- If the proposal is through grants.gov, there is an option to use RASS for submission via S2S
 - Benefit of using RASS over Federal Government systems:
 - Information about the PI will pre-fill on proposal forms reducing data entry time
 - Single system to learn (vs. multiple federal systems)
 - Routing for approvals to OSP then to sponsor
 - Validation of data required for proposal submission
 - Budgeting tool with built-in Cornell rates
 - Ability for subrecipients to electronically upload letter of commitment, budget, scope of work for submission

RASS - TIMELINE VIEW

Feb 1, 2017 - Jun 30, 2020



- **Novelution selected as RASS vendor (2016)**
 - Providing Cornell with a customized solution to meet our needs
 - Modern-technology, Easy-to-use
- **Cornell lean process improvement sessions (January 2017)**
 - Mapped current pre-award and award processes with central and college staff
 - Identified desired future state for RASS solution
- **Novelution led Discovery (February – June 2017)**
 - Reviewed Cornell business policies and procedures for pre-award and award processes
 - Met with central and college staff to map out initial system configuration
 - Reviewed system integrations and reporting

- **RASS prototypes and usability testing**
 - Prototypes of RASS will be developed and used to gather feedback directly from users
 - Iterative process where vendor provides prototypes for testing and continuously improves system
- **Data migration, integrations, and validation**
 - Migrate data from current system
 - Build and test integrations
 - User acceptance and system testing of functionality
- **Continuous improvements**
 - Continually collect feedback on RASS for improvements



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How to get involved

- Contact us with questions
 - Carrie Susskind, RASS Product Manager
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- Opportunities for feedback
 - Prototype and requirements review
 - Usability testing

