

**Memorandum**

To: University Research Community

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Subj.: Electronic Proposal Routing Approval Form (ePRAF) Updates

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The Office of Research and Economic Development would like to advise the university research community of the following updates to the Electronic Proposal Routing Approval Form (ePRAF).

COVID-19 Funding

A new question has been added to the ePRAF in the Proposal Information Section to record if the submission is related to COVID-19. If the submission is related to COVID-19 then please be sure to answer Yes. The MS Word and PDF versions of the ePRAF form on our website have also been updated for those users that do not enter their ePRAFs directly into PeopleSoft.

Preeminent/Emerging Preeminent Programs

The program name for the Institute for Resilient and Sustainable Coastal Infrastructure was updated to reflect InteRaCt in the program name.

As a reminder, this section was added to the proposal section of the ePRAF to capture proposals associated with Preeminent and Emerging Preeminent Programs. If the proposal being submitted is not associated with a Preeminent or Emerging Preeminent Program then the field should be left blank. Please note that responses to the Center and Institute section are still required in the project screen for those projects that are associated with a Center or Institute. If no response is provided to the Center and Institute section then the proposal if awarded will default to the PI's home department for account setup.

If there are any questions regarding these ePRAF enhancements then please feel free to contact your Pre-Award representative (<http://research.fiu.edu/ored/staff-directory/>) for further assistance.