Sponsored Research Administration

Guidance on Authorized Spending on Sponsored Projects

Spending on a sponsored project will be authorized effective on the date of award or advance activation in RAMP.

Awards can still be activated in RAMP that exercise pre-award spending (prior to the award start date), as requested by the department and authorized by SRA, when allowed by the grant terms and conditions.

RAMP Award workspaces are not initiated until an award is fully executed. For the department to request an advance before an award is fully executed, follow the instructions in the How to Request an Advance - Award Anticipated how-to guide.

Work should not begin on a project without an Advance or a project set up in RAMP. An Advance is appropriate when the sponsor indicates that an award will be coming, and the PI needs to start working on the project. If the award has been received with a defined period of performance (not 'upon execution') and the negotiations have not been completed, an Advance is necessary to start working on the project.