

**University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee  
Grants Project Desk Reference  
WISPER – Overview for PIs in Letters & Science**

**WISPER Overview for Principal Investigators in Letters & Science**

WISPER facilitates the process of routing applications and agreements for extramural support by capturing the necessary data up to and tracking through the generation of the award. As the Principal Investigator, you may be the initiator of record creation process. This document will walk through this process. Please feel free to leave fields empty and enter only known data, unless explicitly told to provide information within the following steps. This desk reference should be utilized based upon the assumption that this is the first record created of its kind by the PI. If previously created records are available to copy, you may refer to the “Copy a Record” desk reference for information on how to quickly create a new record based on a previous record.

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**\*\* Please note that all of the WISPER on screen help currently goes to Madison's version of the help documents. The Milwaukee version of the help documents is on our website, <https://uwm.edu/officeofresearch/wisper/> but not yet hooked up to the WISPER screens.**

## **CREATE NEW RECORD**

### **1. Login:**

1 Navigate to the WISPER login page via <https://uwm.edu/officeofresearch/wisper/> to enter your PantherID and password. You will be directed to your MY WISPER page.

2 Select the Create New Record button at the top of the page.

### **2. Enter all Data on the Create New Record page:**

1 Enter the following key data to create the initial record:

a. Short Title – working title for internal communication purposes

b. Contact PI – your name should already appear

c. Department - select your department by name or Dept ID (should begin with 48)

d. Sponsor – Search for and select Sponsor name from list

2 Click “Create Record” to advance to enter more information

[Wisper Help](#)

## **Create New Routing Form Here.**

Short Title

Contact PI

Department

Dept ID

Sponsor

Sponsor Not In List:

*Navigation: UW WISPER > My WISPER > Create New Record button*

## GENERAL PAGE INFORMATION

Note that you now have the WISPER ID number available to you in the header. This number can be used to track this record. The General page captures the bulk of the information about your record.

### 3. Basic Information:

- 1 Enter as much of the following information as possible:
  - a. Official proposal title
  - b. Start and End dates
  - c. Proposal type
  - d. Document type (usually Grant)
- 2 If the current record is related to an already existing WISPER record, click the “Add Related Document” button for the option of linking this record to an existing WISPER record such as a record for which the current record is a supplement or continuation, a CDA or MTA preceding the current record, or any other relationship you can think of.
- 3 The contact PI, department, and Sponsor also may be changed in this section.

General	Approvals	Attachments	PI Signature	SPO Action	Terms & Cond	Document History
<b>Record ID</b>	MIL101906	<b>Document Type</b>				<a href="#">Wisper Help</a>
<b>Contact PI</b>	HARRIS,MARK T	<b>Sponsor Name</b>	NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION			
<b>Short Title</b>	Short title	<b>Status</b>	1-In Process			

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**Basic Info**


<b>Contact PI</b>	HARRIS,MARK T	<b>Outside Activities Report Submitted</b>	No	<a href="#">i</a>
	<a href="#">Change Contact PI</a>	<b>Effort Training Completed</b>	No	<a href="#">i</a>
<b>Official Proposal Title</b>	<input type="text"/>			
<b>Short Title</b>	<input type="text" value="Short title"/>	<b>Proposal Type</b>	New <input type="text"/>	
<b>Administering Dept</b>	485300 Geosciences - General	<a href="#">i</a> <b>Document Type</b>	<input type="text"/>	
	<a href="#">Change Department on Record</a>	<a href="#">i</a> <b>Related Record</b>	<a href="#">Add Related Record</a>	
<b>Begin Date</b>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		<a href="#">Remove Related Record</a>	
<b>Sponsor</b>	NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION			
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sponsor Not in List</b>			
	<a href="#">Change Sponsor on Record</a>			
<b>Primary Sponsor (Optional)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Primary Sponsor Not In List:</b>			
	<a href="#">Add Primary Sponsor to Record</a>	<a href="#">Remove Primary Sponsor</a>	<a href="#">Save</a>	

*\*This record can always be found in your My WISPER page under “Records for which I am the PI.”*

#### 4. Submission Instructions:

This section captures detailed sponsor submission instructions and the campus contact information.

- 1 Enter the necessary data for the following fields:
  - a. Sponsor deadline
  - b. Submission method
  - c. UWM campus contact - Search for and select the name of anyone assisting you in the development of this proposal or other WISPER document
- 2 If known, note the sponsor program number and reference number along with any detailed submission instructions. NOTE: If the Sponsor is UWM Foundation, enter UWM Foundation Account Number (####.##) in the Sponsor Reference Number field.

Submission Instructions	
Sponsor Deadline	<input type="text" value="02/19/08"/>  <span style="float: right;">Paper Copy to UW SPO <input type="checkbox"/></span>
Submission Method	<input type="text" value="Electronic Submission"/> <input type="button" value="v"/> Sponsor Program Number <input type="text" value="11231-9002"/>
	Sponsor Reference Number <input type="text" value="11111"/>
Campus Contact	HARRIS,DAVID <input type="button" value="Change Campus Contact"/>
Campus Contact Phone	<input type="text" value="414/229-5667"/> DNH@UWM.EDU
Submission Instructions	<input type="text"/>

#### 5. Compliance:

All compliance questions must be answered before the PI will have the ability to sign the record. Answer each question by selecting Yes or No.

Compliance	
Required Clearances - Does the project involve:	
<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	toxic, infectious or carcinogenic/mutagenic material of proven or potential hazard to humans, other animals, or to plants? Use recombinant DNA technology?
<input type="text" value="No"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	use of human subjects or human tissue?
<input type="text" value="No"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	use of vertebrate animals?
<input type="text" value="No"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	involve human pluripotent stem cells?
<input type="text" value="No"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	action involving space, remodel, or construction?
<input type="text" value="No"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	potential environmental impacts which require review under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act?
<input type="text" value="No"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>	funding primarily dedicated to building, renovations, or equipment?
<a href="#">Enter Protocol Certification Details Here</a>	

## 6. Personnel:

The personnel section allows the listing of additional employees working on the project as well as role designation such as Co-Investigator, Fellow, and other project roles. If the record has multiple PIs, all PIs must be entered at this time. Entering other personnel is optional.

- 1 Click the “Add Other Personnel to Record” button which will open a new page allowing an employee search by name or Dept ID (UDDS).
- 2 After employee selection, identify their project role from the dropdown menu.
- 3 Repeat this process for as many personnel as you want to enter.
- 4 To delete personnel from the record click the trashcan to the right of the employee name.

The screenshot shows a web interface for managing personnel. At the top, there is a tab labeled "Personnel". Below it is a table with two columns: "Name" and "Project Role". The "Project Role" column contains a dropdown menu and a trash can icon. Below the table, there is a yellow button labeled "Add Other Personnel to Record" which is circled in red.

## 7. Proposed Budget:

If known, enter the proposed budget, F&A rate, and cost sharing information

The screenshot shows a web interface for entering budget information. It includes the following fields and options:

- Direct Costs:** 100,000.00
- F & A Costs:** 47,700.00
- Total Costs:** 147,700.00
- F & A Rate:** 47.70%
- On Campus:**  Yes  No
- Cost Sharing Included:** Voluntary (dropdown)
- Cost Sharing Amount:** 20,000.00
- Cost Share Comments:** 20000 FROM L&S

## 8. Keywords/Comments:

- 1 If this proposal is related to the “Return on Investment” for an RGI award, enter “RGI” as a keyword
- 2 In addition, keywords assist in tracking research in major scientific areas. Enter relevant keywords separated by a comma or semi-colon.
- 3 Click the “Add Comments” button to access a large text field, which can be used to enter any information wished to be communicated to others accessing the record.

The screenshot shows a web interface for entering keywords. It includes a text input field labeled "Keyword" and two buttons: "Add Comments" and "Print".

*\*This record can always be found in your My WISPER page under “Records for which I am the PI.”*

## ATTACHMENTS

Any type of file attachment can be uploaded via this page including PureEdge files, budget spreadsheets for review, and the complete application.

### 9. Upload Attachments:

- 1 Navigate to the attachment tab
- 2 Click the "Upload Attachment" button.
- 3 Browse for and upload the documents. (This process may take a couple of minutes depending on file size).

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<b>Short Title</b>	Short title	<b>Status</b>	1-In Process			


  

Upload Attachment	File Description
1 <a href="#">Upload Attachment</a>	<input type="text"/> <a href="#">Add another attachment</a>

- 4 After the upload is complete, enter a file description such as "draft narrative" or "proposal abstract," or "budget justification."
- 5 To add multiple attachments click the "Add another attachment" hyperlink.
- 6 To delete an attachment, click on the trash can next to the Upload Attachment button.

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<b>Contact PI</b>	HARRIS,MARK T	<b>Sponsor Name</b>	NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION				
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Upload Attachment	File Name	File Description
1 <a href="#">Upload Attachment</a> 	<a href="#">NSF_Guidelines.pdf</a>	<input type="text"/> <a href="#">Add another attachment</a>
2 <a href="#">Upload Attachment</a>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <a href="#">Add another attachment</a>

## **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR SIGNATURE**

Principal Investigators will be required to verify the information provided in the record prior to routing the document to OSP. This signature may be provided at any time following the initial data entry as described above. **In order for the PI(s) to electronically sign the record, all compliance questions must be answered.**

### **10. Electronically Sign for the Proposal:**

1. Click on the "Sign the Record" hyperlink at the bottom of the General page. This will open the PI Signature page.
2. Read the statement to which you are attesting.
3. Sign for the proposal by clicking the "I Sign" button.
4. Verify that the PI name along with the date and time is stamped. If physical signatures are required on a record due to the PI(s) not being in the appointment tables, the PRINT button should be selected on the General page for a paper copy of the record

General	Projects	Approvals	Attachments	PI Signature	Division Action	SPO Action	Terms & Cond
<b>Record ID</b>	MSN100246			<b>Document Type</b>	Hatch		
<b>Contact PI</b>	VIRNIG,NICOLE G			<b>Sponsor Name</b>	National Institutes of Health		
<b>Short Title</b>	test			<b>Status</b>	6-Completed		

**Principal Investigator Signature for Proposal**

In signing, I certify that I am a Principal Investigator on the above referenced proposal or award and understand that by clicking on the "I Sign" button below, I agree to this text. I certify that I have identified all space, personnel, equipment and budgetary needs associated with the proposal or award, and that the proposal or award and this form are accurate and complete in all regards, including technical matters, adherence to sponsor's guidelines, budget and required clearances. I certify (1) that the information submitted within the application is true, complete and accurate to the best of the PI's knowledge; (2) that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject the PI to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties; and (3) that the PI agrees to accept responsibility for the scientific conduct of the project and to provide the required progress reports if a grant is awarded as a result of the application.

**I Sign**

**PI Signature performed by**  
**PI Signature Date & Time**

## 11. Electronically Sign for the Award:

Below the Signature for Proposal is the Principal Investigator Signature for Award. If award terms and conditions are available at this time, PIs have the option to read and sign the award terms and conditions. In order for the PI to sign the Award signature, the Proposal signature must have previously been signed.

### Principal Investigator Signature for Award

I agree to disclose promptly to the University any invention, computer software or mask work (collectively, "Project Intellectual Property") made by me in whole or in part, whether solely or jointly with others, during and in the course of the Project. If Project Intellectual Property is funded in whole or in part by a federal agency or if an agreement negotiated by the University for the conduct of the Project requires the University to grant rights in Project Intellectual Property to a third party, I agree that I will, if requested, assign rights to such Project Intellectual Property to the University's designated intellectual property management organization and will execute all documents necessary to secure protection for Project Intellectual Property, and to establish the federal government's or any other party's rights therein. I confirm that I am now under no obligation to any other person or extramural sponsor which is in conflict with my responsibilities as set forth above. I agree that the University reserves the right to make and use, for educational or research purposes, any intellectual property or material made by me in whole or in part, whether solely or jointly with others, during and in the course of the Project.

I agree to be responsible for assuring that all persons participating in the Project, other than clerical or non-technical persons, prior to commencing work on the Project have signed a copy of a document agreeing to essentially the same obligations as set forth above. (PI may use either a copy of the above language or may use the universal project participant statement found at <http://www.graduateschool.uwm.edu/forms-and-downloads/researchers/intellectual-property-agreement.pdf>.)

I have read and I hereby accept the terms and conditions of any agreement negotiated by the University for the conduct of the above-referenced Project. I agree that I will comply with the provisions of and will cooperate in assuring that the University's obligations to fulfill those terms are met.

I Sign

PI Signature performed by

PI Signature Date & Time

After signing each statement, the PI name along with signature date and time will be stamped on the page as well as on the History page. The PI Signature page is accessible only to Principal Investigators; others will access the Document History page to verify that the signatures have been executed.



## ADD APPROVALS

### 12. Chair/Director Approval:

To ensure that your department or center has approved, you'll need to "Add an Approval."

- 1 Navigate to the Approvals Tab
- 2 Click the "Add Approval button." This will open the details page.

#### Add Approval

Requested By Harris, Mark Request Date 02/13/08 10:03AM Sequence 1

Approval Type

Approval Request

Approver Type

Requested Approver

Business Unit UWMIL

- 3 Use the Approval Type Drop Down to select "Chair Approval" or "Center Director's Approval"
- 4 Click the "Select Employee" Button
- 5 Search for and select the name of your Chair or Center Director
- 6 Click the "Add Approval" button. The main Approvals page will re-open with the newly requested approval documented with date and time.

#### Add Approval

Requested By Harris, Mark Request Date 02/13/08 10:03AM Sequence 1

Approval Type Chair Approval

Approval Request Requesting your approval of this project under your department's administration - We are including Prof. Smith at 1 calendar month with full salary of \$6.430 on the application from 7/1/07 through 6/30/12 with a 3% increase each year.

Approver Type Employee

Requested Approver

Business Unit UWMIL

### 13. L&S Business Office Approval:

All proposals must be approved by the L&S Business Office prior to the Dean's forwarding to OSF.

- 1 Navigate to Approvals Tab
- 2 Click the "Add Approval button." This will open the details page.
- 3 Use the Approval Type Drop Down to select "L&S Business Office Approval"
- 4 Click the "Select Employee" Button
- 5 Search for and select Pat Kissinger.
- 6 Click the "Add Approval" button. The main Approvals page will re-open with the newly requested approval documented with date and time.

## ROUTE THE RECORD

### 14. Routing:

After completion of the PI signature process, you will need to route the record to your Dean's office who will approve the record and forward to OSP for submission to sponsor or other processing.

- 1 Click the "Route to Another Person" button at the bottom of the PI Signature page.

I have read and I hereby accept the terms and conditions of any agreement negotiated by the University for the conduct of the above-referenced Project. I agree that I will comply with the provisions of and will cooperate in assuring that the University's obligations to fulfill those terms are met.

**PI Signature performed by**  
**PI Signature Date & Time**

[General Info](#)   [Sign the Record](#)      [Attachments](#)   [My Worklist](#)   [Search Page](#)

- 2 Select the bottom button.
- 3 Note that the top button "Route to a specific person" will hardly ever be used at UWM.

**Route Ownership of this Record**

**Record currently owned by**

After routing, the record will be sent to your Dean's office and you can select the Sign Out link on the top right of the page or select the MY WISPER worklist link on the bottom of the page to continue further actions.

# TRACK THE RECORD

## 15. Tracking the Status:

You can always track the status of the record using WISPER to see who is working on it and its status.

- 1 Navigate to MY WORKLIST which is your home page when you log into WISPER  
<https://uwm.edu/officeofresearch/wisper/>
- 2 Scroll to the bottom of the page & see the "Records for Which I am a PI"

## MY WISPER

[wisper help](#)

Create New Record

In Box							
Record ID	Due Date	Contact PI	Document Type	Short Title	Dept ID	Sponsor	Wisper Document Status
<a href="#">MIL101860</a>		Harris, Mark		another test	485200	NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS	1-In Process
<a href="#">MIL101874</a>	01/31/2008	HARRIS,MARK	Grant	Demo for Desk Reference	340505	US DEPT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	1-In Process
<a href="#">MIL101871</a>	01/31/2008	Harris, Mark	Grant	What Am I Doing?	485200	NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION	1-In Process
<a href="#">MIL101858</a>	01/15/2008	Harris, Mark	Grant	Testing the manual	485200	NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION	5-SPO Negotiation /Setup

Approvals I Need to Complete						
Record ID	Due Date	Contact PI	Document type	Short Title	Dept ID	Approval Type

Records for which I am PI						
Record ID	Contact PI	Document Type	Short Title	Dept ID	Status	Current Owner
<a href="#">MIL101157</a>	Harris, Mark	Grant	Design and Synthesis of GABAgenic Subtype Selective Agen	485200	4-Sent to Sponsor	
<a href="#">MIL101205</a>	Harris, Mark	Grant	GABA(A) Receptor Involvement in Memory: Mechanisms and T	485200	4-Sent to Sponsor	

Additional information and help is available at:

<https://uwm.edu/officeofresearch/wisper/> or

email [WISPER-rsa@uwm.edu](mailto:WISPER-rsa@uwm.edu)

or

call 414.229.3332