#### Research Workday Town Hall Agenda

November 21st, 2024



- Welcome
- Best Practices for 2025
  - Award Closeout
  - Effort Certification
- PAA Cost Transfer Justification Memo Update
- New Training Curriculum: Post-Award Essentials
- Q&A



## Best Practices: Award Closeout

#### **Best Practices for Financial Closeouts**

#### **Monitor Expiring Awards report to prepare for closeout**

- Monitor CR FIN Expiring Awards
- Participate in monthly meeting with the Sponsored Programs Manager (SPM) to review awards with end date in the next 60-90 days.
- Make necessary pre-award requests via PEER when needed for NCEs, contract amendments, etc.

#### **Proactively initiate changes**

- Do costing allocations need to be updated?
- Have final invoices for subawards been received?
- Are POs closed?
- Are all expenses accounted for?
  - Monitor award expenses throughout the life to minimize transactions processed at the end of an award this includes adding or removing charges
- Is the award overspent?

#### Ensure expenses are within the budget period and are processed timely

- Evaluate transactions that have posted outside of the award period to determine whether they are eligible for reimbursement.
  - Work with SPM if they are allowable so they can be billed.
  - Submit journals to remove if the charge isn't reimbursable on the award.



#### Managing Financial Closeout - Reports

#### Which reports should I run to review activity for financial award closeouts?

#### CR Fin – Research Transaction Summary

• Summary by ledger account, Direct costs, F&A, and Total expense

#### Cost Reimbursable Line Status

- · Summary by Object Class and Grant for each Award
- Should agree to CR Fin Research Transaction Summary
- Review items Pending Award Line Date Review or Awaiting Settlement to identify any journals needed, included potential
  accruals for closeout

#### CR Fin – Budget vs Actual for Grant or Award

Ensure all Commitments and Obligations are ZERO

#### CR FIN Workflow Aging Report

Confirm all pending transactions have posted

#### Find Supplier Invoices – VUMC

• Ensure Subaward invoices are processed; Filter by Spend Category = SC147 Subcontracts and Invoice Status = Draft, Incomplete or In Progress to show outstanding Subaward Invoices Unpaid

#### Effort Trend

• Ensure all payroll expenses are appropriate to the budget period and process PCAs for future expenses and PAAs if adjustments are needed

#### Award (Awdxxxxxxx)

• Ensure "Cost Reimbursable Spend Outside Award Line Dates" is ZERO or known reasons are documented in the closed



#### Completing Award Closeout Task

#### **Department Grants Manager should complete assigned Award Closeout Task**

This action alerts Finance Sponsored Program Manager to review closeout and submit to sponsor



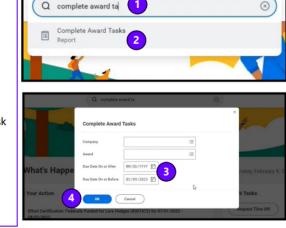
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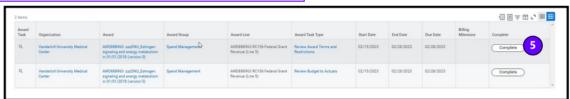


#### **Completing Award Tasks**

When a due date for an award task approaches, users must complete the steps detailed in the task and then submit the task.

Search for Complete Award Task
 Select Complete Award Task from the dropdown
 Enter a date range
 Click OK
 Click Complete on the relevant task
 Follow the directions in the Comments section of the task
 Upload any necessary attachments
 Click Submit
 Note: Submitting your task will begin the business process and route your submission to central office personnel







# Complete all journals, adjustments, submit final invoices to be paid, etc. before Award Task Due Date – best practice is that transactions occur before the Grant End Date (during the budget period)

Don't forget to update any PCAs for next budget period – aim to do this before the payroll deadline

#### Financial Reporting Close-Out Updates

Departments must complete Award Closeout Task by **award task due date** to reduce/eliminate risk of financial reports being late to sponsors

Grant End Date 9/30



Award Task Due Date 11/30



Sponsor Due Date 12/30

Effective
 date of all
 transactions
 (end of
 budget
 period /
 performance
 period)

 LAST DAY for Department Review and mark Award Task Completed in Workday  LAST DAY to ensure all funds have been previously drawn down and Financial Report EXPENSES = DRAWS

Payment Management System states: "Federal grants management policy specifies that within 90 days of the performance period end date, the grant recipient must submit its final financial report and have drawn all funds spent for the grant unless the awarding agency extends the grant award."



## Best Practices: Effort Certification

#### Compliance – Federal Regulations and Institutional Practices

Effort Reporting and Certification in Workday

Although it feels like everything has changed, compliance remains the same...

In accepting a federally-sponsored grant or contract, VUMC agrees to abide by certain federal rules and regulations regarding the use of the funds.

#### **VUMC Effort Reporting and Certification Policy excerpt:**

VUMC maintains systems and procedures documenting the distribution of activity to individual sponsored agreements in compliance with federal regulations as defined by 2 CFR Part 200. Any individual who performed work on a federally funded project or the project's principal investigator must certify their effort, unless in their absence, this task is reassigned to a designee who must have suitable means of verification of the distribution of effort.

Acceptance of federal funding by VUMC requires the institution to adhere to the effort reporting requirements prescribed by UG Standards for Documentation of Personnel Expenses in 2 CFR Part 200.430 (i).



# Institutional practice and expectation:

Regular effort conversations on a monthly, no less than quarterly, basis for all individuals with federal funding sources.

#### Best Practices for Effort Reporting and Certification

# BOLD STATEMENT: If "effort" is part of your daily responsibilities in whatever role you maintain, everything else will be more seamless and less stressful...

#### Effort Certification Reviewers and Grant Managers "roles" -

- Check Effort Certification Work Area on a DAILY BASIS
- Run your effort status reports weekly AND follow up
- Get organized and stay organized in a trackable, documented manner for each employee's effort you are responsible for managing Update daily as changes occur
- Run pro forma effort certifications to prepare for your monthly review and conversations
- Run pro forma effort certifications when you have questions about how effort is presented or payroll changes
- Monitor, review, and update your PCAs the first week of every month to get ahead of payroll deadlines
- Attend required training and quarterly meetings BEFORE you complete effort certification administrative reviews
- Communicate with those managing your sponsored budgets and proposals and financial reporting REGULAR SCHEDULED WEEKLY CHECK-INs
- Two-way communication with your certifiers at least once a month



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#### If you manage Sponsored Award Budgets and/or have Financial Reporting Responsibilities:

- Get organized and stay organized in a trackable, documented manner for each employee's effort you are responsible for managing Update daily as changes occur
- COMMUNICATE DAILY with your Payroll Costing Initiators so that PCAs are updated proactively before payroll deadlines
- COMMUNICATE IMMEDIATELY with your Payroll Costing Initiators when PAAs involve sponsored awards and follow up until changes are completed
- Be available and open to communicate with your effort certification reviewers and grant managers (if that is not you) regarding proposals and financial reporting REGULAR SCHEDULED WEEKLY CHECK-INs
- You have valuable information that others need to be aware of...



#### Best Practices for Effort Reporting and Certification

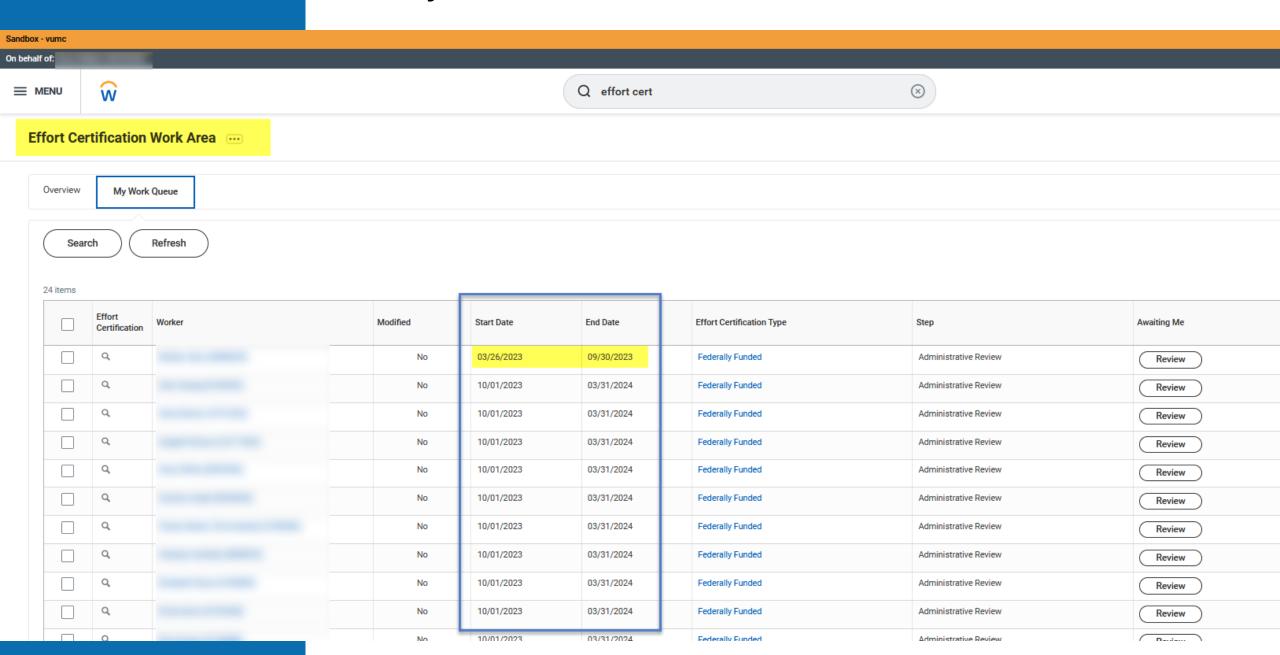
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#### Certifiers (those who are performing work and charging their time to federally sponsored awards) -

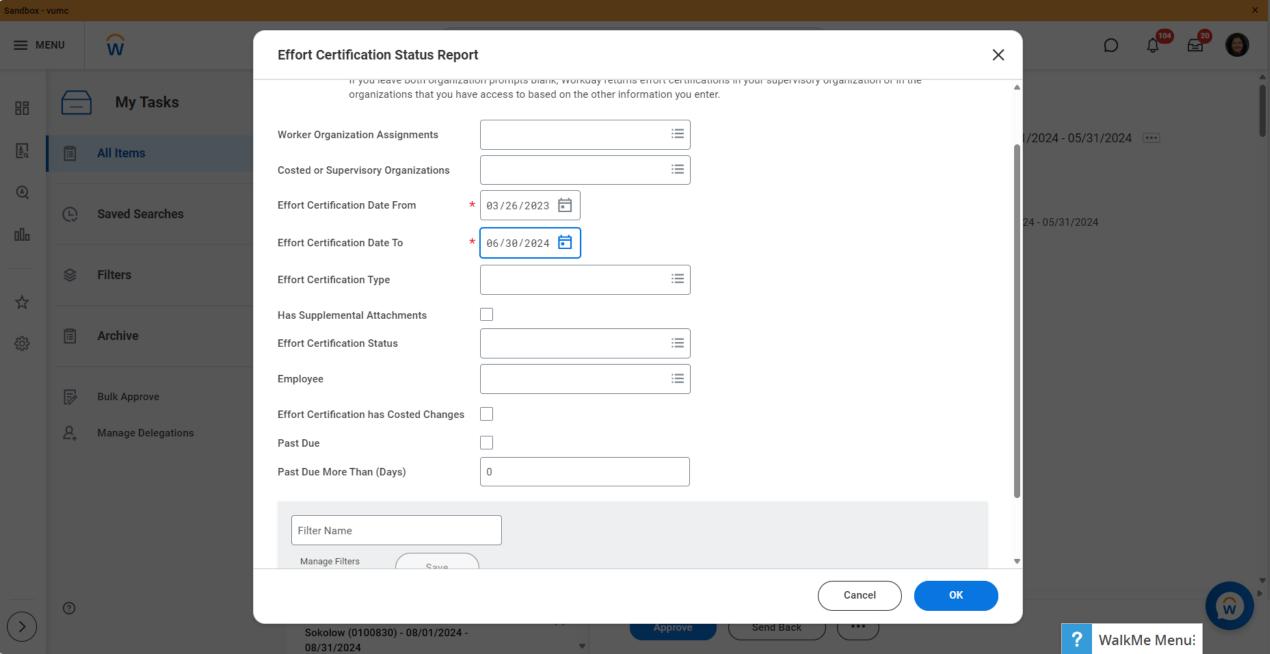
- Read the entire Effort Reporting and Certification Policy
- Respond promptly to Effort Certifications that arrive in your Workday Inbox either review and certify or reach out to the Effort Certification Reviewer with questions
- Be aware of how you are spending your time
- Have regular conversations with your "research administrators" when how you spend your time changes (now and in the future)



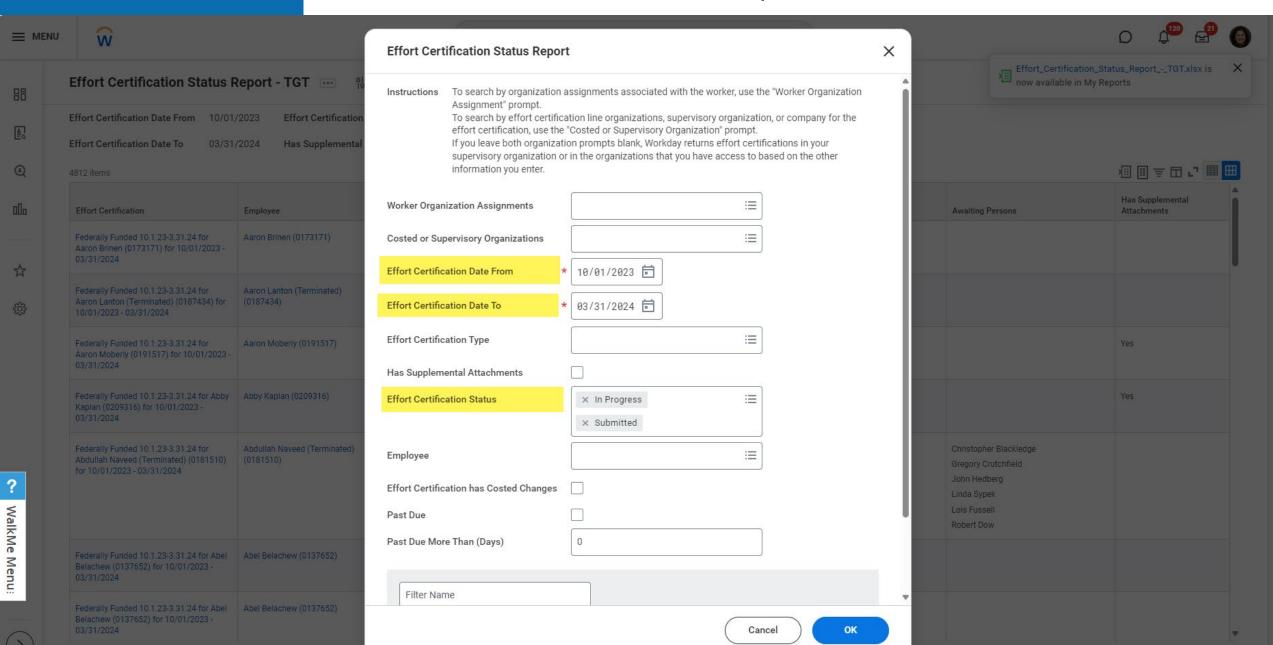
#### From your Effort Certification Work Area



#### Effort Certification Status Report – Create Filters!



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#### **Details**

#### Effort Certification Status Report

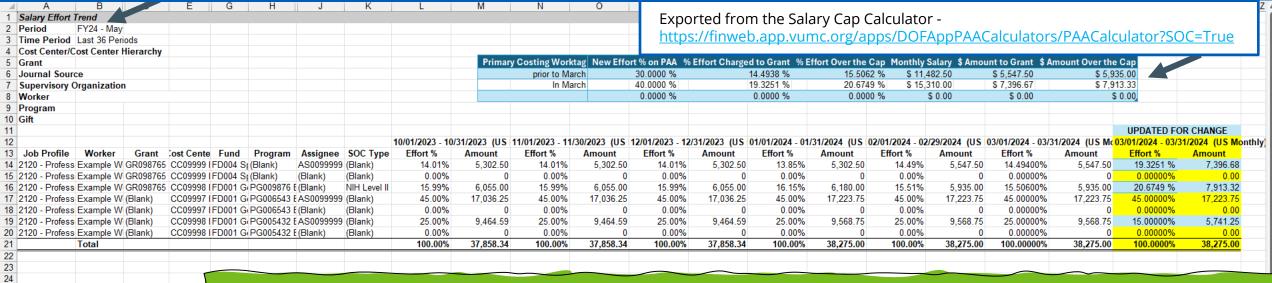
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Effort Certification	Employee	Туре	Start Date	End Date	Status	Awaiting Persons	ue	Days Past Due	Has Costed Changes	Is Effort Certification Change Multi-Company
Federally Funded for Sandra Simmons (0070944) for 03/26/2023 - 06/30/2023	Sandra Simmons (0070944)	Federally Funded	03/26/2023	06/30/2023	In Progress	Jamie McAdams			No	No
Federally Funded for Daniel Barry (0077343) for 03/26/2023 - 06/30/2023	Daniel Barry (0077343)	Federally Funded	03/26/2023	06/30/2023	In Progress	Jamie McAdams Myra Harris			No	No
Federally Funded for Frank Revetta (0061525) for 03/26/2023 - 06/30/2023	Frank Revetta (0061525)	Federally Funded	03/26/2023	06/30/2023	Certified	KS CostCenterManager Sara Jo Tomasek Theresa Sberna			Yes	No
Federally Funded for Tia Hughes (0089242) for 03/26/2023 - 06/30/2023	Tia Hughes (0089242)	Federally Funded	03/26/2023	06/30/2023	Submitted	KS GrantManager Sara Jo Tomasek Theresa Sberna			Yes	No
Federally Funded for Laura Reinert (0010636) for 03/26/2023 - 06/30/2023	Laura Reinert (0010636)	Federally Funded	03/26/2023	06/30/2023	In Progress	Lauren Milam			No	No
Federally Funded for Natasha Halasa (0039990) for 03/26/2023 - 06/30/2023	Natasha Halasa (0039990)	Federally Funded	03/26/2023	06/30/2023	In Progress	Natasha Halasa			No	No
Federally Funded for Shinieka Wilson (Terminated) (0069511) for 03/26/2023 - 06/30/2023	Shinieka Wilson (Terminated) (0069511)	Federally Funded	03/26/2023	06/30/2023	Certified	Rachael Pompura			Yes	No
Federally Funded for Laura Dugan (0119562) for 03/26/2023 - 06/30/2023	Laura Dugan (0119562)	Federally Funded	03/26/2023	06/30/2023	Certified	Shanti Venkatraman			Yes	No

#### Prepare for changes prior to your Administrative Review

The Salary Effort Trend report can be used to update for the changes you are making <a href="https://www.vumc.org/myworkday/sites/default/files/public\_files/Training/FIN/Effort\_Trend\_QRG.pdf">https://www.vumc.org/myworkday/sites/default/files/public\_files/Training/FIN/Effort\_Trend\_QRG.pdf</a>

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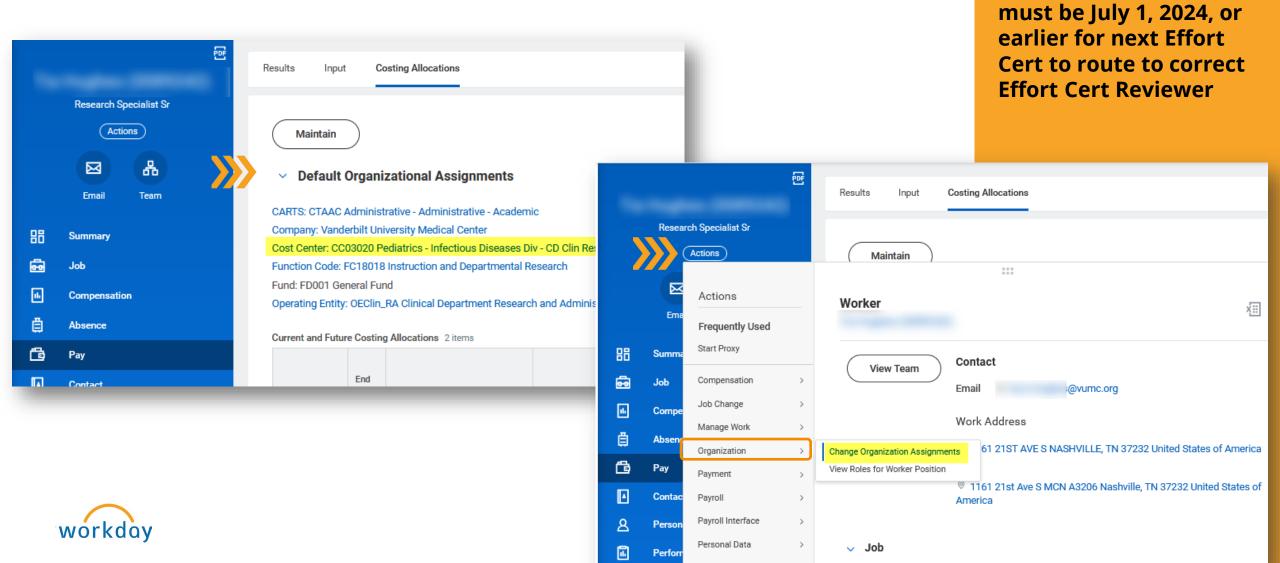
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In this example, we are making a change to effort for the month of March to increase GR098765 from 30% to 40% and we are reducing PG005432 by 10% to 15%.

The employee and the grant are subject to salary cap so we need to calculate the correct portion to charge the grant and the salary over the cap funding source.

#### Reviewer Assignments based on Default Org Cost Center



**EFFECTIVE DATE** 

# Effort Certification Status Updates

#### **Effort Certification Reviewer Expectations**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU!**

- Workday role assigned to the person in the effort certification process tasked with performing the administrative review of those employees required to certify their effort
- Responsible for <u>reviewing</u> and <u>entering changes</u>, if needed, directly to the employee's effort for the certification period prior to the certifier's review
- Must be comfortable and familiar with the regular monthly effort conversations that occur as part of our effort compliance institutional practices
- Person in the workflow that a certifier will "send back" their certification to if <u>changes</u> are necessary
- Required training will be provided for anyone in this role
- Guide on Training Hub <u>Effort Certification Reviewer Effort Admin Review QRG.pdf</u>



#### **Effort Certification Status Update**

#### **Effort Certification Reviewers – Thank you for your persistence!**

	10.1.23 to 3.31.24 (due 7/31/24)	4.1.24 to 6.30.24 (due 10/31/24)
NOT IN WORKFLOW	19	27
ADMIN REVIEW	17	173
AWAITING CERTIFIER	20	113
% Uncertified	1.7%	10%
Certifications Remaining to Complete	56	313
<b>Total Certifications Required</b>	3241	3148

Please let us know how we can help you wrap this up because it is time to issue the next Effort Certification for the period July 1 to September 30, 2024



#### Effort Certification Process Next Steps

#### PREPARE **NOW** FOR THE NEXT EFFORT CERTIFICATION

- Review effort <u>now</u> for pay periods July 1 to September 30, 2024
- Corrections should be entered <u>now</u> as PAAs
- Do not wait until the Effort Certification is issued to review these periods
- We are continuing with the streamlined process
- Daily Office Hours will resume when the certification is issued

#### **Streamlined process:**

- Effort certification with changes does not auto-generate a PAA
- If you are an Effort Certification Reviewer, check the Teams Channel daily for updates!





# Cost Transfer Questionnaire Responses on PAAs

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**Challenge:** Users lost visibility of the Cost Transfer Questionnaire Responses after submitting Payroll Accounting Adjustments

**Solution:** Display a custom report on the Worker Profile Pay tab named "Cost Transfer Justification for PAAs"

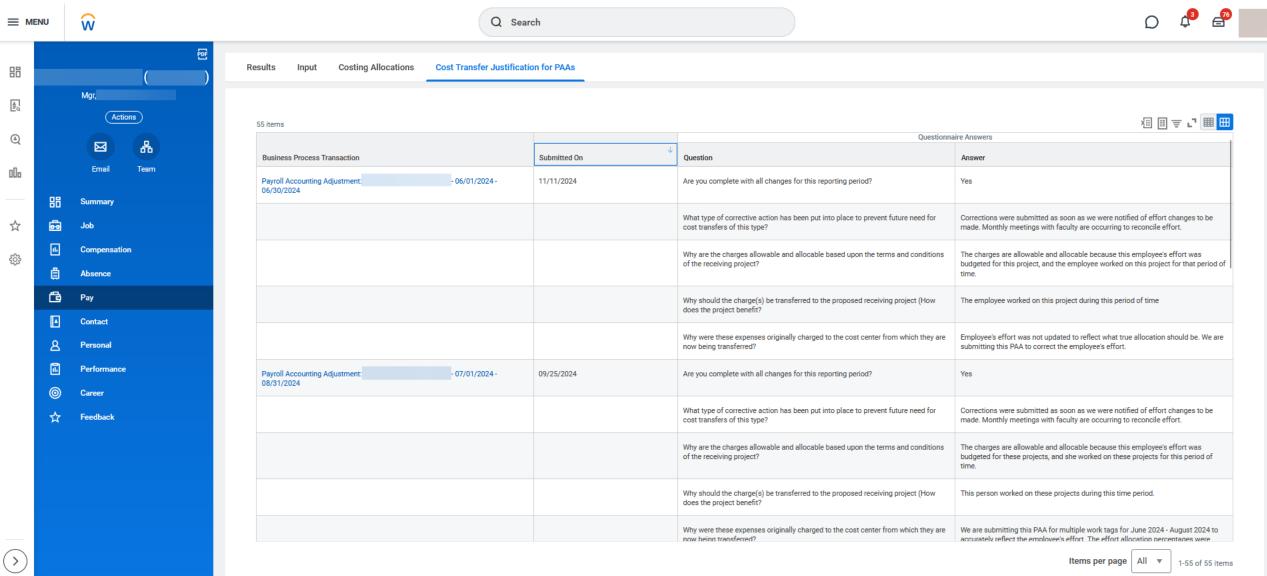
**Access:** Grant Managers, Cost Center Managers



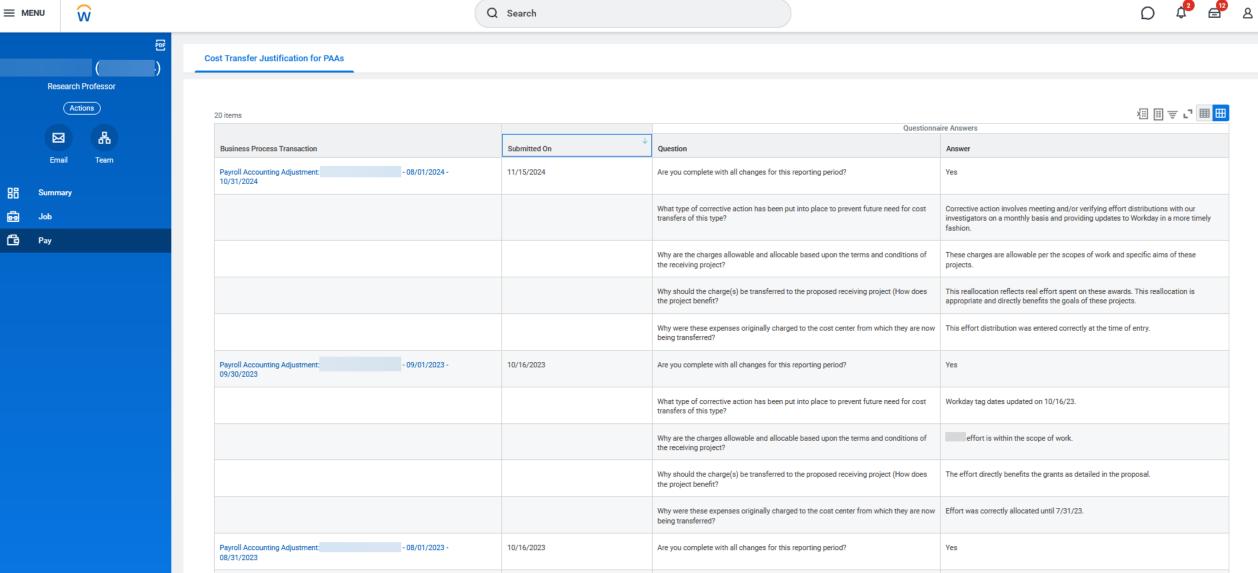
#### Complete Questionnaire

certify that the cost transferred is an appropriate expenditure for the sponsored grant/contract charged an strictions governing that sponsored grant or contract.' for Payroll Accounting Adjustment:	d that the expenditure complies with the term: - 10/01/2023 - 10/31/2023
Cost Transfer Justification	
Please provide cost transfer justification by providing response to the questions below. When submitting this questionn transferred is an appropriate expenditure for the sponsored grant/contract charged and that the expenditure complies v grant or contract.	
Why were these expenses originally charged to the cost center from which they are now being transferred? (Require	ed)
Why should the charge(s) be transferred to the proposed receiving project (How does the project benefit? (Required	i)
Why are the charges allowable and allocable based upon the terms and conditions of the receiving project? (Require	red)
What type of corrective action has been put into place to prevent future need for cost transfers of this type? (Require	red)
Are you complete with all changes for this reporting period? (Required)	
○ Yes	
○ No	

#### Cost Transfer Justification for PAAs (new tab)

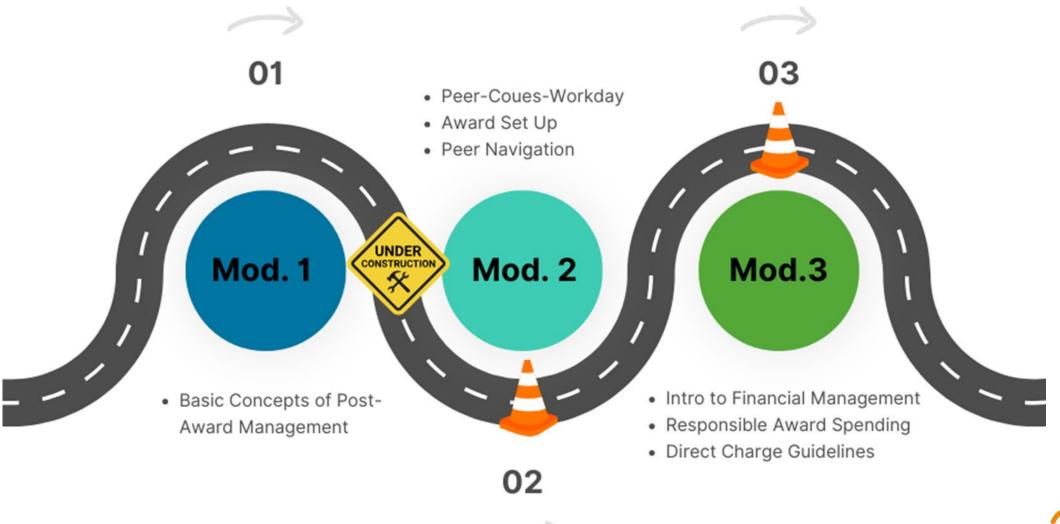


#### Cost Transfer Justification for PAAs (new tab)



## New Training Curriculum: Post-Award Essentials

## **Post Award Essentials**



## **Basic Concepts of Award Management Topics**



# Workday Security Roles



Supervisory Organization roles, like Manager



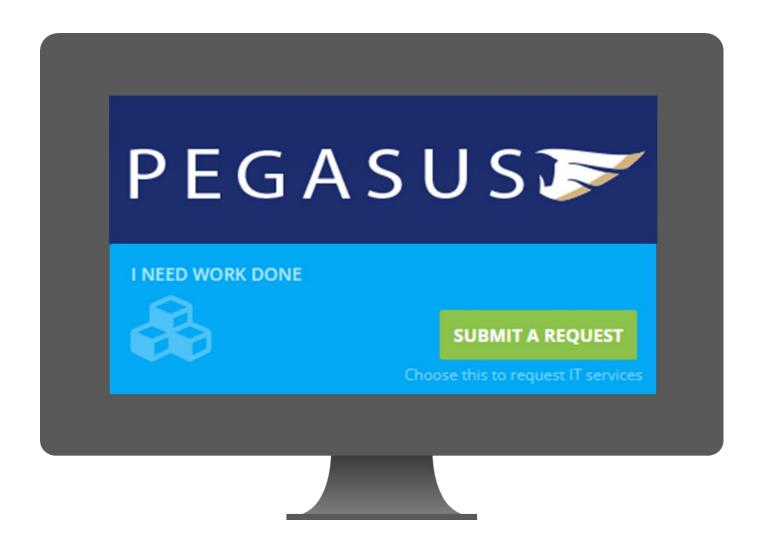
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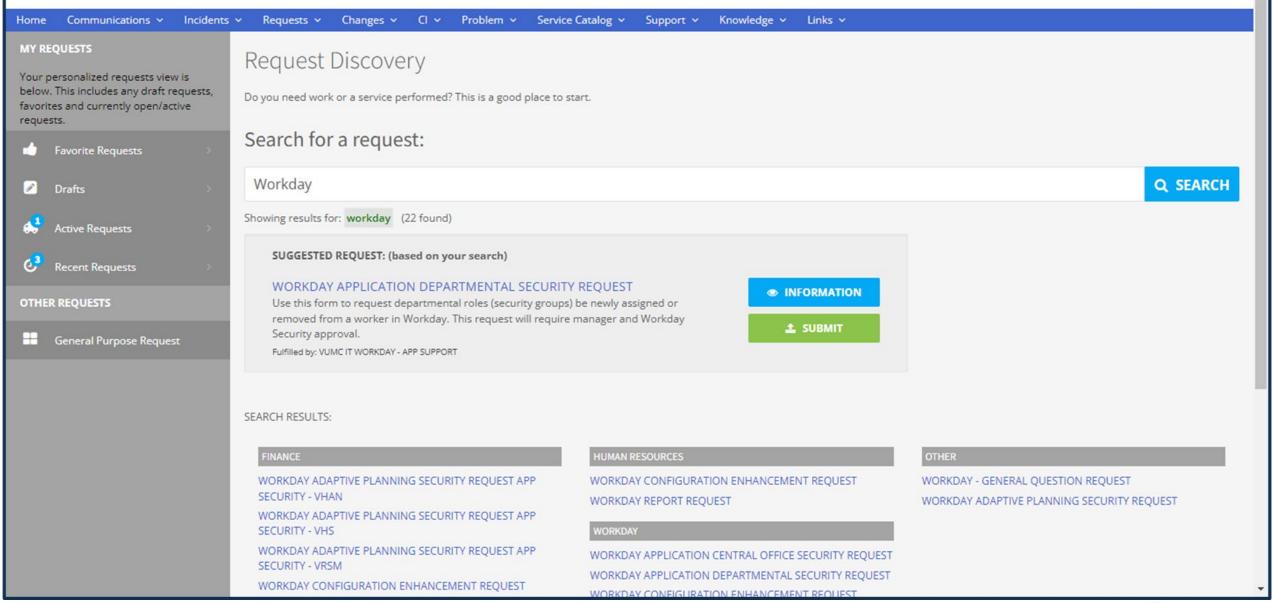
## Pegasus Request for additional Workday Secuity











### **Next Research Town Hall: December 19th**