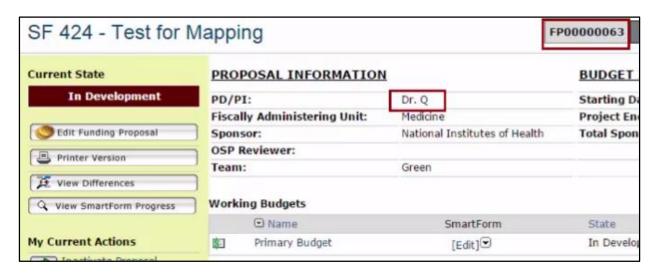
RAMS-SPOT Getting Started Guide — Creating an SF424 Package

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Part 1: Creating the Funding Proposal and Budget in RAMS-SPOT

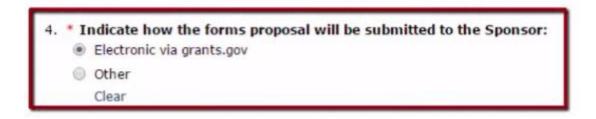
1) First, create a **funding proposal** in RAMS-SPOT



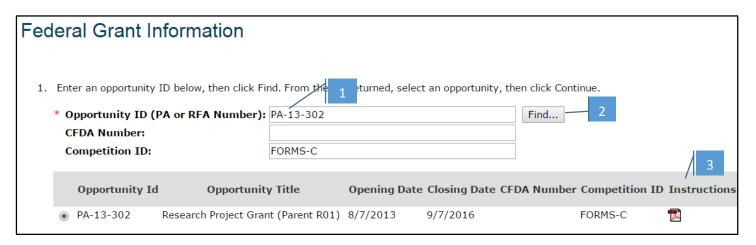
2) On the *Sponsor Information Smart Form*, the PI/Study Staff will want to select a **government sponsor** such as NIH.



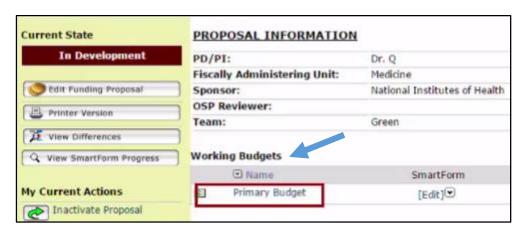
3) On the General Proposal Smart Form, the PI/Study Staff will answer #4, "Electronic via grants.gov."



4) On the Federal Grant Information Smart Form, the PI/Study Staff will 1) enter the **Opportunity ID** and then 2) click on **Find**. 3) This will prompt RAMS-SPOT to bring in the specific **forms set** and **instructions** for that particular Opportunity ID.

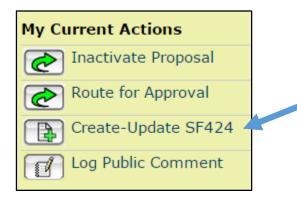


5) Next, the PI/Study Staff should enter the **Primary Budget** and any additional budget information in RAMS-SPOT.

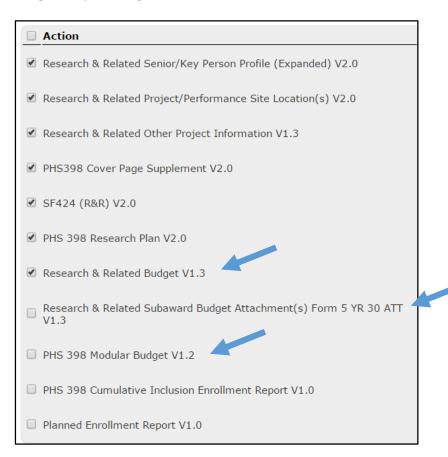


Part 2: Running the Create-Update SF424 Process

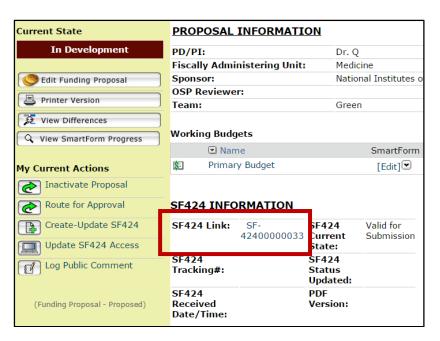
1) After entering the funding proposal and relevant budget information in RAMS-SPOT, the PI/Study Staff should run the *Create-Update SF424* process by clicking on *Create-Update SF424* under *My Current Actions*.



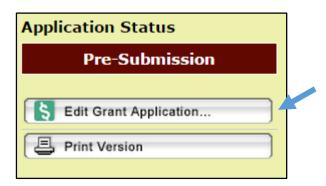
When initiating the *Create-Update SF424* process, the PI/Study Staff will need to check all **mandatory** and **optional forms**. Note: A **budget** form is not automatically selected. All **budget** forms are listed as optional but, at least one **budget**, <u>must</u> be included in the *SF424* package. At this point, the PI/Study Staff should select a **budget**(s) by entering a checkmark(s) next to the relevant selection(s).



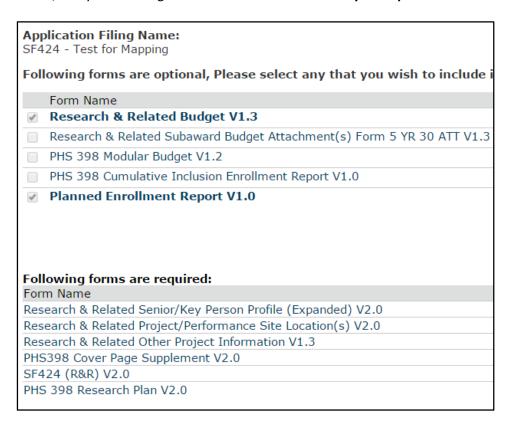
3) The **link** to the *SF424* will now be available in the middle of the main workspace. The PI/Study Staff should click on the **link** to access and complete the *SF424*.



4) Next, the PI/Study Staff will click on *Edit Grant Application*.



5) The PI/Study Staff will again select the correct **mandatory** and **optional forms**.

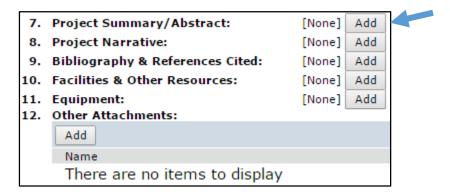


Part 3: Completing the SF424

1) Now that the *SF424* has been created. The next step is to go through the *SF424* page by page and enter the necessary information. The PI/Study Staff can use the **Jump To menu** to move throughout the *SF424* or click **Continue**.

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Select Optional Form
Select Optional Forms
SF424 (R & R) (V2.0) - Page 1
SF424 (R & R) (V2.0) - Page 2
Project/Performance Site Location(s) (V2.0)
Research And Related Other Project Information (V1.3)
Research And Related Senior/Key Person Profile (Expanded) (V2.0)
PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement (V2.0) - Page 1
PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement (V2.0) - Page 2
PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement (V2.0) - Page 3
R&R Budget - Period 1 - Section A & B
R&R Budget - Period 1 - Section C, D & E
R&R Budget - Period 1 - Section F-K
R&R Budget - Period 2 - Section A & B
R&R Budget - Period 2 - Section C, D & E
R&R Budget - Period 2 - Section F-K
R&R Budget - Period 3 - Section A & B
R&R Budget - Period 3 - Section C, D & E
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2) At times, the PI/Study Staff will need to **upload** documents by clicking on **Add** and selecting the correct file.

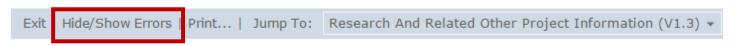


Part 4: Editing in RAMS-SPOT / SF424

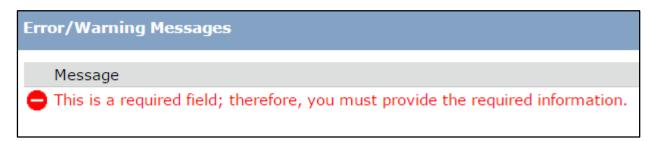
- 1) When updating the *SF424*, the PI/Study Staff <u>must</u> carefully consider the **source** of the information that they would like to edit.
- 2) If the information that they would like to update was originally entered in the RAMS-SPOT funding proposal or budget, then the PI/Study Staff must update the information on the RAMS-SPOT funding proposal or budget. Next, the PI/Study staff must re-run the Create-Update SF424 process again.
- 3) If the information that the PI/Study Staff would like to **update** was entered **manually** directly on the *SF424*, then the PI/Study Staff may **edit** the information directly on the *SF424*.

Part 5: Validating and Routing for Approval

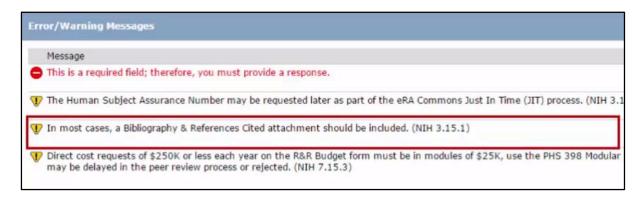
1) At any time, the PI/Study Staff can click **Hide/Show Errors**.



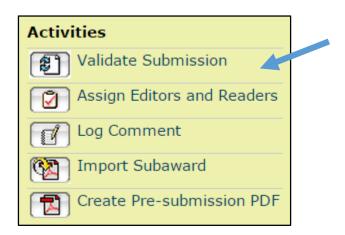
2) The **errors** will show in **red** and <u>must</u> be resolved before the Funding Proposal and *SF424* can be routed for approval.



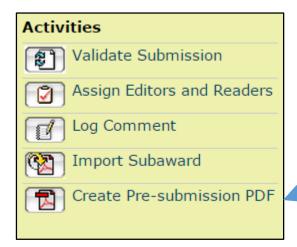
3) The **warnings** will be next to the **yellow caution symbol**. It is recommended for the PI/Study Staff to resolve as many warnings as possible before routing the Funding Proposal and *SF424* for approval.



4) Next, the PI/Study Staff will **validate** the *SF424* by clicking on *Validate Submission*.



5) At this time, it is recommended that the PI/Study Staff generate a **.pdf** of the *SF424* to review all of the information.



The PI/Study Staff will have the option of whether or not they would like to **include attachments** when generating the **.pdf**.

Create Pre-submission PDF

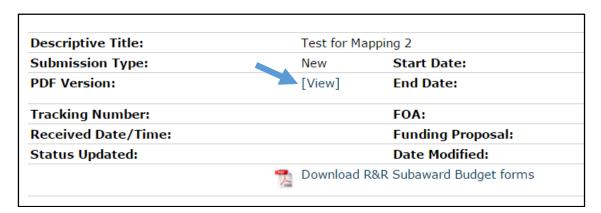
Click the OK button to generate a PDF version of your application.

The link to the most recently generated PDF version is displayed on the project workspace, labeled "PDF Version".

Include Attachments: 🗹

(Note: PDF generation will take longer to complete. Attachments of type .DOC, .DOCX, and .TXT will be converted to PDF for viewing only, the file types will not be changed for submission.)

After clicking Generate PDF Version, there will be a link on the screen for the PI/Study Staff to view the .pdf.



The next step is to click on **Submission Pre-Check** which checks for missing information that is critical to the *SF-424*.



7) After the *submission pre-check* is complete, the next step is to **route** the proposal on to **approval** by clicking *Route for Approval*.

