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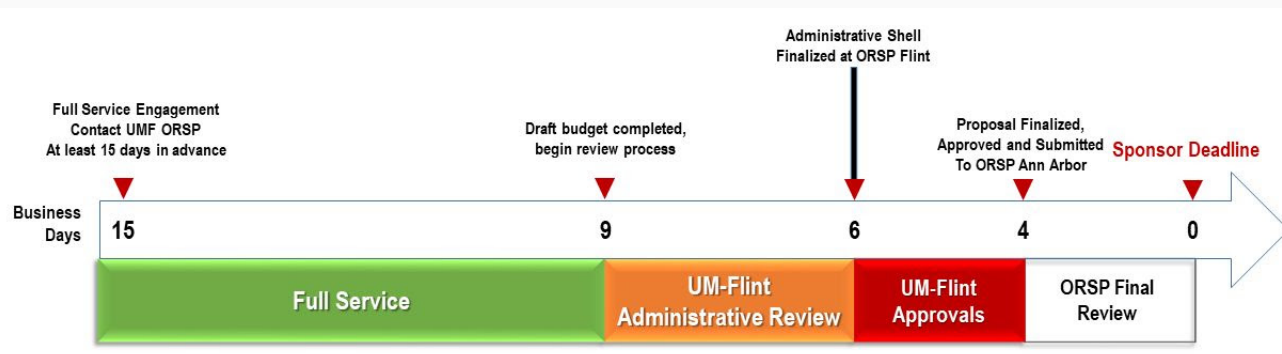


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Submission Deadline Policy

The University of Michigan Office of Research and Sponsored Projects (ORSP-Ann Arbor) will enforce a new submission deadline policy beginning **January 6, 2020** for all externally funded research and sponsored project applications. UMOR and ORSP have been communicating with faculty and staff since July of 2019 about the impending changes. Beginning in the new year U-M ORSP will adopt a **4 business day review** policy, and proposals for external funding that arrive with less than 4 business days prior to a sponsor's deadline risk **limited review** or **non-submission**.

To allow for sufficient internal review time by UM-Flint departments and units, the UM-Flint Office of Research will enforce an additional **2 business day review** policy. This additional 2 business days will allow time for approval by department chairs, deans, and UMF ORSP before final submission in eResearch to ORSP at Wolverine Tower in Ann Arbor. This change in UM-Flint submission deadline policy was approved at a Council of Deans meeting held September 25, 2019.



For full levels of service and engagement faculty are further encouraged to contact ORSP-Flint a minimum of **15 business days** in advance of the sponsor's deadline. The full level of service allows ORSP-Flint research administrators time to gather the key information needed to meet proposal requirements and assist faculty with the preparation of application materials (e.g., sponsor solicitation, general budget parameters, period of performance, biosketches, project narratives, etc.).

For further information on the [service and engagement policy](#) see the UM-Flint ORSP [website](#). A link is also available to submit preliminary information for upcoming proposals to the research administration team at UM-Flint ORSP.

The screenshot displays the UM-Flint ORSP website interface. Key elements include:

- Navigation Menu:** Finding Funding, Submitting a Proposal, Resources, Student Research, Compliance, About Us.
- Resources for Research:** The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs supports UM-Flint faculty and staff in the conduct of funded research and sponsored projects, negotiation of research agreements or contracts with business, non-profits, and governmental agencies. Working closely with the University of Michigan Office of Research (UMOR) and Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the UM-Flint office provides first-review of external funding applications, internal funding opportunities, undergraduate research support, ethics and research compliance services, project financial reporting and regulatory guidance.
- Faculty Section:** Finding funding, InfoReady (review submission system).
- Research Commons:** Research Opportunities Hub (Ann Arbor, Flint, Dearborn).
- Upcoming Events:** ORSP calendar.
- Contact Us:** 4203 William S. White Building, 303 E. Kearsley Street, Flint, Michigan 48302-1950. Phone: (810) 752-3383, Fax: (810) 756-6791, flintresearch@umich.edu.
- Upcoming Deadlines:** Faculty International Travel, Winter 2020.

Red arrows point to the 'New Deadline Policy' and 'New Proposal Form' links in the navigation menu.

Winter **Research and Creative Activity** and **International Travel**

Competitions

The dates for the winter term competitions for **Research and Creative Activity** and **International Travel** are now posted on the UM-Flint ORSP [webpage](#).

Submission Deadlines:

- The deadline for proposal submissions for **International Travel** Award, is **Friday, February 14, 2020**. Eligibility and submission guidelines are available [here](#).
- The deadline for proposal submissions for the **Research and Creative Activity** Award, is **Friday, March 6, 2020**. Eligibility and submission guidelines are available [here](#).

Submissions for both competitions must be made electronically via the web-based UM-Flint InfoReady competition space, <https://umflint.infoready4.com/#>. The competitions will go live one month prior to the submission deadline.

Statistical Consulting



UM-Flint faculty and graduate students can access statistical consulting services via a central service unit at U-M Ann Arbor known as the **Consulting for Statistics Computing & Analytics Research, or CSCAR**. Faculty and students are both encouraged to contact the Director of the UM-Flint Office of Research prior to booking an appointment with CSCAR. The UM-Flint ORSP Director will work with the CSCAR administrator, Jesse Cordoba, to arrange virtual or face to face bookings for faculty or graduate students with research design or analysis needs.

CSCAR is a cost-recovery unit that reports to UMOR, the University of Michigan Office of Research. The Office of Research at UM-Flint budgets for statistical consultation needs that require more extensive contact hours with the team of full-time consultants and graduate students at CSCAR and asks that UM-Flint investigators contact the UMF ORSP director (kenms@umich.edu) for prior approval.

In recent years, CSCAR's mission has expanded with advances in research computing and the growth of the Data Science initiative at U-M. In many cases, CSCAR has set up wiki resources for common statistical approaches that can get you started with some basic online learning modules, <https://github.com/CSCAR/Resources/wiki>.



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