

# Online Effort Reporting Is Coming

## About the Research Foundation for SUNY

The Research Foundation supports nearly \$1 billion in SUNY research activity annually. The research programs are funded by federal and state government, private sector company and nonprofit foundation sponsor grants.

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### Benefits

**W**elcome to a new age of effort reporting. The Research Foundation for SUNY is implementing an online effort reporting tool—Effort Certification and Reporting Technology (**ecrt**)—eliminating the need for signing paper copies of your effort statement.

Principal investigators with effort on federally-funded sponsored programs, including federal flow-through programs, will use **ecrt** to certify their effort and the effort of staff working on their sponsored programs.

The RF must ensure that effort expended on sponsored awards supports the salaries charged – and the cost sharing committed - to those awards. U.S. federal government requirements for effort reporting are primarily in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-21, “*Cost Principles for Educational Institutions*”, Section J.10., and in OMB Memoranda 01-06, “*Clarification of OMB A-21 Treatment of Voluntary Uncommitted Cost Sharing and Tuition Remission Costs*”, January 05, 2001.

**ecrt will be used for effort certifications starting with Spring 2013 effort statements.**

### Access

- No paper forms to sign and route.
- Just a few clicks to complete your effort certification.
- View even more information about your effort and sponsored awards:
  - √ Detailed payroll transactions.
  - √ The dollar amounts behind the effort percentages.
  - √ Staff charging effort to your awards.
  - √ The amount of effort you committed to each award.
- Access your information anytime and anywhere you have Internet access—mobile devices too!

Simply click the link in the e-mail you will receive at the beginning of the certification period.

### Help

After logging in to **ecrt** you can access training materials right from the application. If you still have questions click the **Get Help** button to send an e-mail to your campus effort reporting administrator.

[Training materials](#) are also available on the RF’s public Web site.

**Federal regulations require any person paid, or with an effort commitment, on a federally sponsored award to certify that the salary paid or the commitment is reasonable in relation to the effort devoted to a sponsored program.**