TIGER TIPS RESOURCES FOR AUBURN RESEARCHERS ezFedGrants

ezFedGrants is the USDA solution that will let you apply for and manage USDA grants and agreements online. The intent is to provide significant efficiencies to all users managing grant and agreement portfolios. ezFedGrants also supports USDA's mission and helps to ensure compliance, with federal accounting, and grant related requirements. USDA has developed a short <u>YouTube</u> video describing the system.

The ezFedGrants web portal is an interface for the public to apply for non-competitive funding opportunities, and manage competitive, and non–competitive grants and agreements, amendments, reports, and invoices.

Anticipated benefits include:

- A robust self-service portal with 24/7 access to agreement records
- Applicants may conveniently search and apply online for non-competitive funding opportunities, such as cooperative and cost-reimbursable agreements
- Interface with Grants.gov to bring in competitive grant applications
- Increased efficiency with a streamlined application review process
- Enhanced visibility of award detail
- Integrated award record with Auburn's Treasury's ASAP account
- Increased efficiency, speed, and visibility for SF 270 and ASAP invoice payments
- Standardized business processes across grant management agencies and programs
- Increased compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements

In order to access ezFedGrants, you must have an <u>eAuthentication account</u>. An eAuthentication account is a way for you to interact with USDA websites online. It gives you the ability to identify yourself to the USDA via your User ID and password. It permits you to access a wide range of USDA applications across the many USDA agencies and their services. You gain the convenience of transacting business with USDA online at any time and from any computer, with internet access, that is convenient to you.

Your eAuthentication account consists of a User ID, a password and your customer profile which contains information about you that will permit USDA applications to identify if you have the correct permissions to view the website you attempted to access.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the system are available on the USDA <u>website</u> and your college-level designee or Sponsored Program's Contract Administrator can provide additional assistance as needed.