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Dear Research Community,

I am pleased to announce that we have made changes to our Effort Certification process that will reduce administrative burden and provide you with information that is easier to analyze and provide it to you on a timelier basis.

Beginning March 1, we will move away from our existing process and will begin using ***Salary Compensation Reports*** in place of the existing E-Cert System. These reports will be distributed to all researchers on an academic semester (plus summer) basis. If you had activity on your research award during the semester, you will receive the report and be able to verify that the appointments on that report are correct for ***that academic semester***. We realize that appointments are typically made by academic semester and that it will be easier to identify the correct information if it aligns with the appointment periods.

You will no longer be asked to certify your effort but will be asked to review the report provided to you and notify your administrative contact if any of the information needs correction. We will ask you to confirm that you have received and reviewed the report.

The new process is a result of recent changes in Federal Regulations (2 C.F.R. § 200) that allow more flexibility in the controls that we use to ensure appropriate commitment to projects.

More information regarding this change is available at <https://research.utexas.edu/osp/manage-awards-and-subawards/salary-compensation-reports/>. We will offer training in the upcoming weeks and will update the website to reflect those dates. You can expect your first report for fall semester (2019) in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please reach out to me or to my team for help.

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