What is an Unfunded Agreement?

An “unfunded agreement” (UFA) is a non-financial agreement with a sponsor. Examples of UFA Categories include:

- Data Use Agreements
- Non-Disclosure Agreement
- "Other" (e.g., Memorandum of Understanding, Teaming agreements, etc.)
- Material Transfer Agreement
- Master Agreement (ORSP will continue to create)

Central Office Review & Approval

All UFAs require approval from a Central Office. Depending on the UFA Category, it may also require Unit approval. The routing to a Central Office (and Unit, if required) is pre-set in the system by the Agreement Category.

- ORSP: Data Use Agreement, Non-Disclosure Agreement, “Other”
- Office of Technology Transfer: Material Transfer Agreement (incoming & outgoing)

Entering an Unfunded Agreement in eRPM

Regardless of the UFA Category, the initial steps to enter an UFA in eRPM are the same. On the first page of the form (Introduction), you are prompted to enter a Project Title and select an Agreement Category (UFA type). Applicable sections of the form then open based on the selected Agreement Category. If you want to clone (copy data from) an existing UFA, see the Clone an UFA step-by-step procedure.

1) Create New UFA

1. Verify the PI & Project Team role is selected.
2. From your Home Workspace, click Create New UFA. 
3. On the Introduction page, enter a Project Title and select an Agreement Category.
4. Complete any additional required questions that display based on the selected category/type.
5. Click Continue.

2) Enter Personnel

1. Read the instructions at the top of the Personnel page for details and requirements.
2. Click Add.
3. Begin typing the individual’s name and then select the individual from the predictive list that displays. You can search by Last Name or uniqname.
4. Select the individual’s Role on the UFA.
5. If you would like to change the individual’s edit rights on the UFA, click the Edit UFA checkbox, as appropriate.

6. Click OK to add the individual to the UFA.
7. Repeat steps 2-7 until all desired personnel are added to the UFA.
8. Click the applicable radio buttons to identify the Contact PI and the Primary Research Administrator.
9. Click Add Appointment next to the Contact PI’s name.
10. Click Add to UFA for the correct appointment, and then click OK.
11. Click Continue.

Role Information:

- You must have at least one PI or Responsible Faculty Member and one Administrative Contact.
- The Primary Research Administrator is automatically granted edit rights on the UFA.
- In order to delete a Contact PI or a Primary Research Administrator, you must first add a new person with that role and click Save. Only then will a Delete button display allowing you to remove the original person.
3) Complete Additional Sections

Additional sections of the UFA worksheet display based on the Agreement Category selected on the Introduction page.

- Complete all remaining sections of the UFA worksheet.
- Required fields are marked with a red asterisk.*
- After completing a section, click Continue to save and navigate to the next section of the form.
- Remember to click Save before you Exit if you wish to save your progress and complete the form at a later time.
- UFAs that have been started but are not yet complete will display on the UFAs tab in your Home Workspace.

4) End of UFA Worksheet

- It is recommended that you click Hide/Show Errors to verify that all required information has been provided before continuing.
- You can continue to edit the UFA form as often as needed until it has been routed for review.
- Before the UFA can be routed for review, the Project Team Route UFA activity must be completed.

5) Contact PI Sign UFA

The Contact PI must sign the UFA prior to final agreement execution.

1. From your Home Workspace, click the UFAs tab.
2. Click the Name of the UFA from the UFAs Not Yet Signed by PI list.
3. If desired, click Display UFA Summary to review the information entered in the form.
4. Click the Sign UFA activity.
5. Click the applicable radio button for the Conflict of Interest Statement.
6. If desired, enter Comments and/or click Add to attach any documents.
7. If it displays, click the applicable radio button for the Accelerated Clinical Trial Agreement.
8. Click the checkbox to Sign the UFA and Conflict of Interest Statement.
9. Click OK.

6) Route UFA for Review (PI or Project Team)

1. From your Home Workspace, click the UFAs tab.
2. Click the Name of the UFA from the UFAs With Required Action list.
3. Click the Project Team Route UFA activity. The system automatically validates that all required fields are complete. Any errors must be addressed before routing.
4. If desired, enter Comments.
5. Click OK.

Responding to Reviewer-Requested Changes

Project Teams will receive an email notification if the Central Office (or Unit) requests changes to the UFA. UFA records with requested changes can be found in the UFAs With Required Action list on the UFAs tab of your Home Workspace. After clicking the Name of the UFA, complete the following steps.

1. Click Edit UFA Worksheet and make the requested changes to the form. If you do not wish to make the requested changes, click the Project Team Decline Changes activity, enter a reason in the Comments field, and click OK.
2. Click the Project Team Submit Changes activity, select the applicable Change Type and enter a Reason for Change, and then click OK.