Working with Grants.gov in eResearch
SF424 Tips

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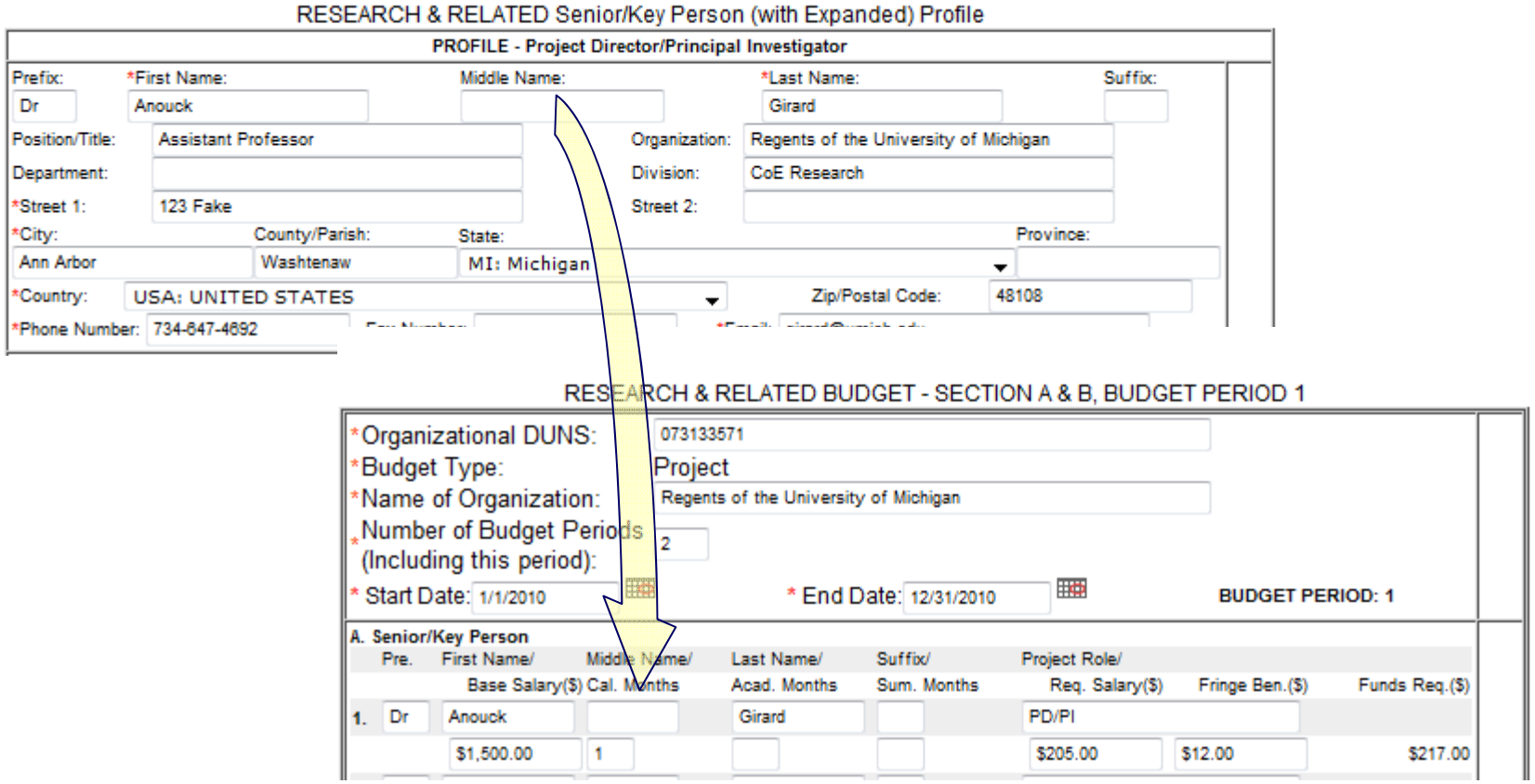
Stricter Validations

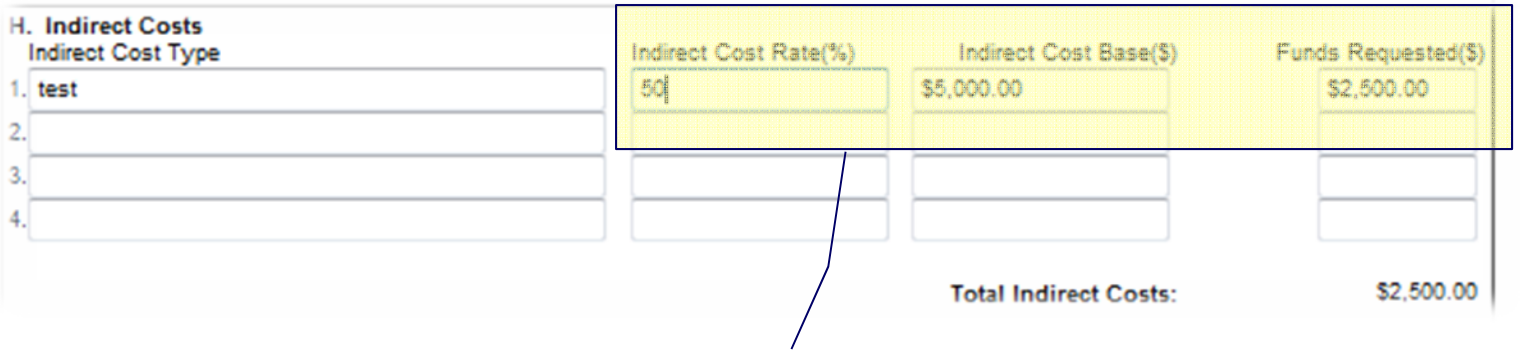
- Fields are compared and must match exactly
  - Not case sensitive
  - Spaces count
- IDC fields that were once calculated are now manually entered
  - Validations make sure the entered amount differs by $0.99 or less

Common validation errors



- Middle names
  - M-Pathways stores “blank” middle names as a space.
  - If a space exists in one place and not another, a validation error is shown. One error is shown per Budget period.

Calculated IDC Amounts

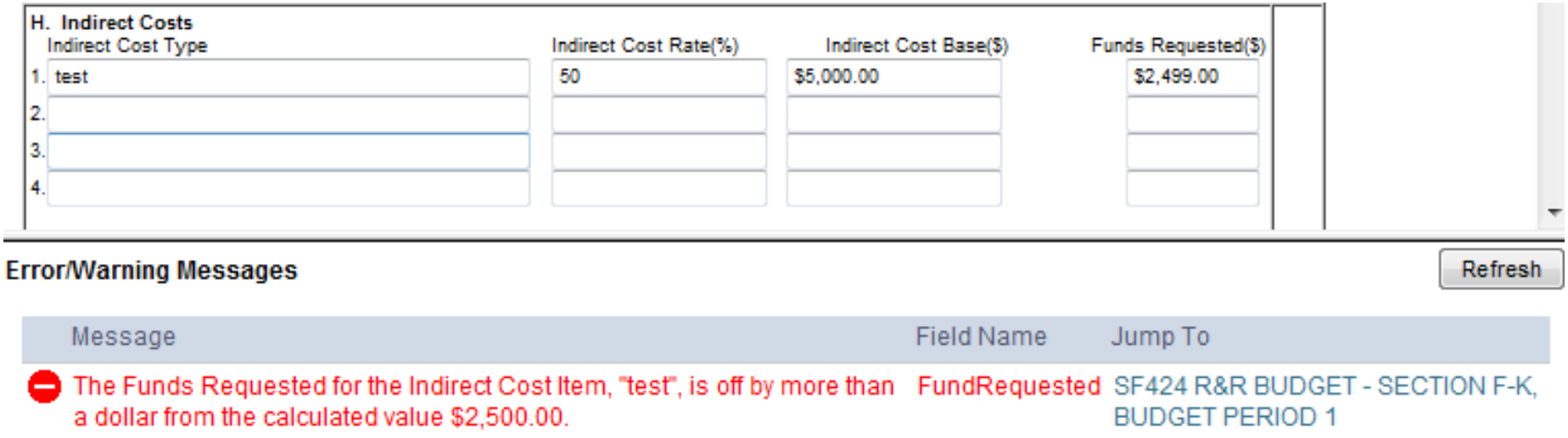


Funds Requested must be within $0.99 of what the calculated amount would be.

- Indirect Costs
  - Funds Requested is no longer calculated on the form, but eResearch still calculates the total and checks against the amount entered.

Calculated IDC Amounts

- If the amount is off by more than $0.99, a validation error is shown.



H. Indirect Costs

	Indirect Cost Type	Indirect Cost Rate(%)	Indirect Cost Base($)	Funds Requested($)
1.	test	50	$5,000.00	$2,499.00
2.				
3.				
4.				

Error/Warning Messages

Refresh

Message	Field Name	Jump To
The Funds Requested for the Indirect Cost Item, "test", is off by more than a dollar from the calculated value $2,500.00.	FundRequested	SF424 R&R BUDGET - SECTION F-K, BUDGET PERIOD 1

Additional Key Personnel

- Additional Key Personnel are now sorted alphabetically by Last Name
  - No Ad Hoc sorting

PROFILE(S) Senior/Key Person 1-39

Add Delete

	Last Name	First Name	Department	Title	Project Role	Project Role Category
[Edit]	Abraham	Jim			Technician	
[Edit]	Joe	Sean		Associate Professor	Faculty	
[Edit]	Vis	Ryan		Business Systems Analyst	Consultant	
[Edit]	White	Molly		Project Manager	Faculty	

Fellowship Proposals

- When applying for Fellowships, proposals can be rejected at NIH because of degree dates
  - Mismatch in what NIH expects to receive and the data that is sent
- Workaround
  - In eRA Commons, list degrees and dates for any degree to be listed on the proposal
  - Any degree listed on the proposal must be entered in Commons BEFORE submitting the proposal
  - Degree type (PhD, MD, etc) must be the same in Commons and on your proposal
    - If the proposal has a multi-degree option, a single degree must be chosen and that degree also must be in Commons

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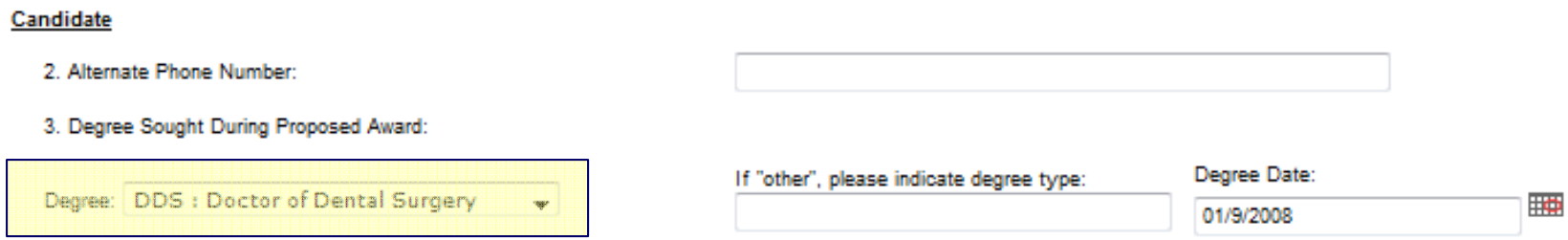


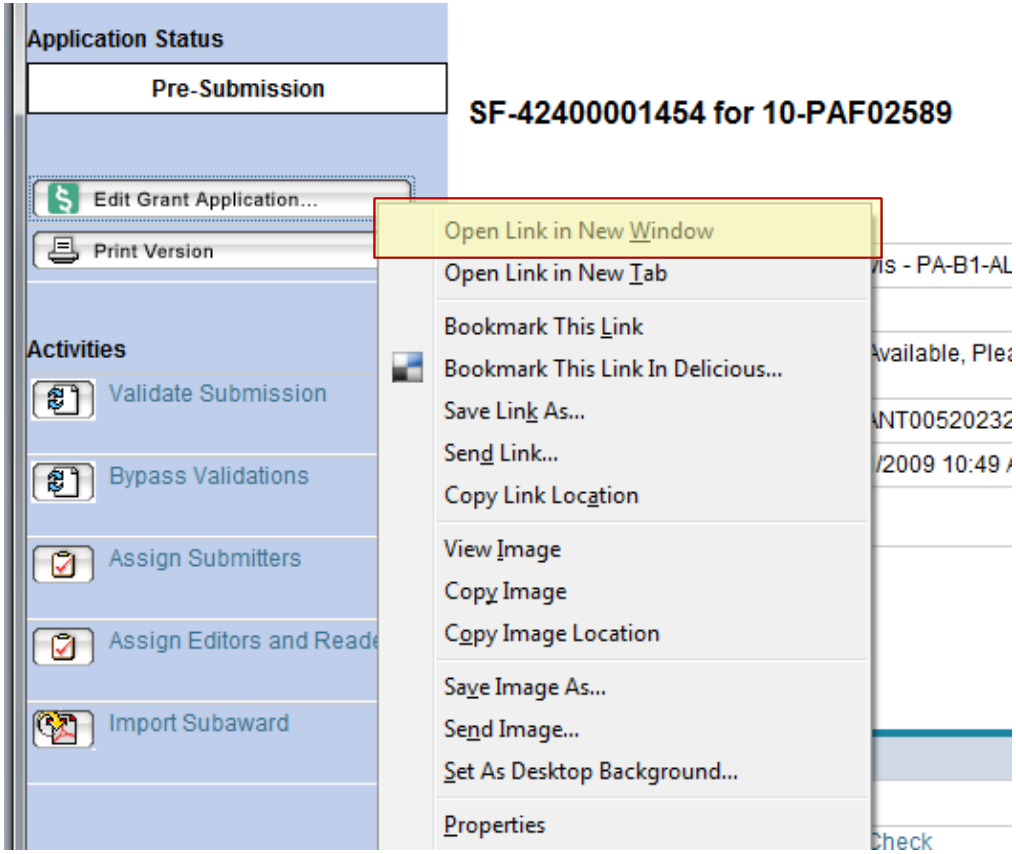
Degree on proposal must match degree in Commons

Working in eResearch

- A few people have mentioned it is difficult to flip between multiple pages in a proposal (e.g. working on multiple Budget Periods at the same time).
  - Multiple windows
  - Browser tabs

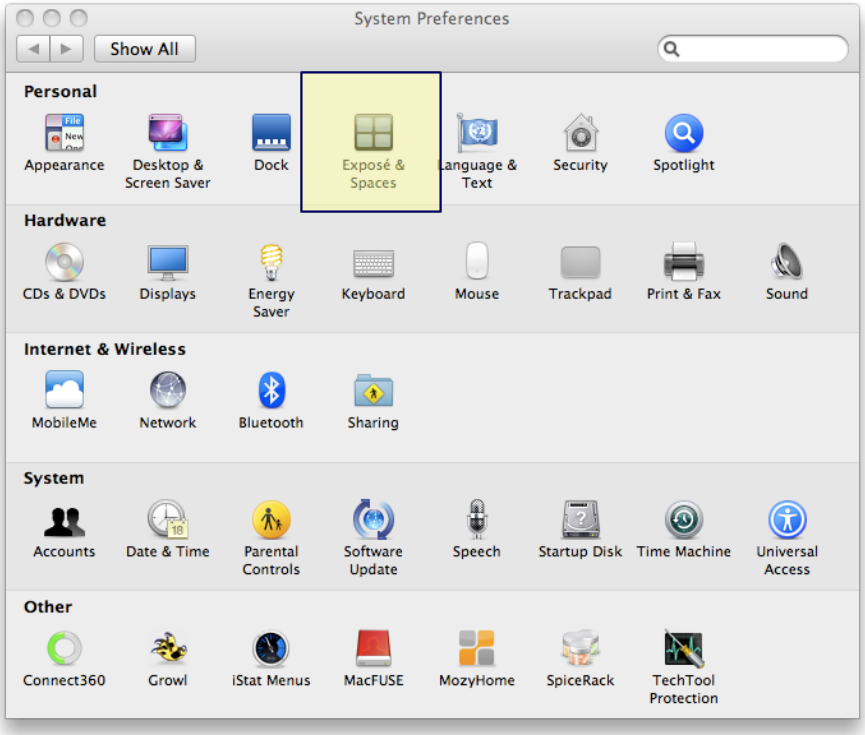
Multiple Windows

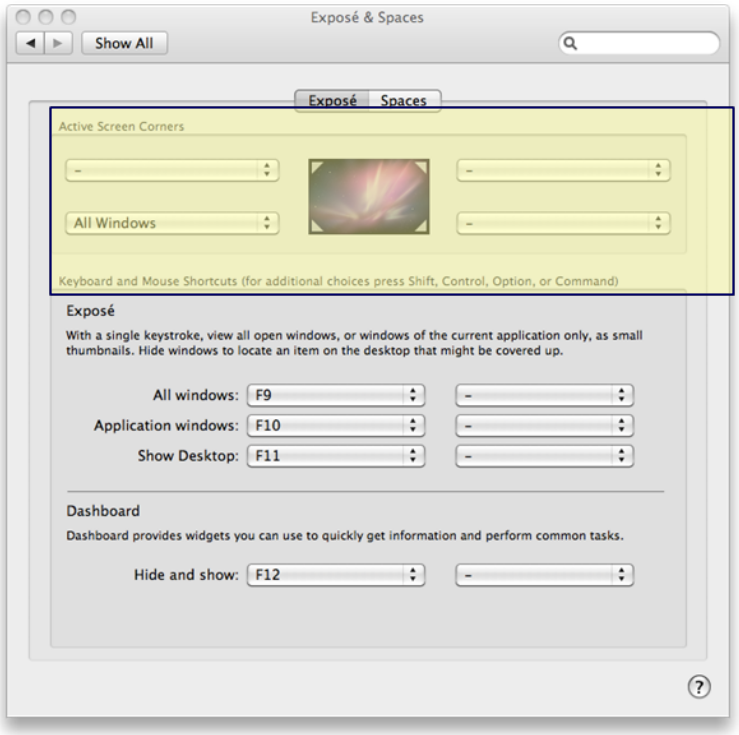
- Windows (any version) and Firefox 3+/Internet Explorer 7+
  - Right-click on the Edit Grant Application link and select Open Link in New Window



Multiple Windows - Mac

- Mac OS X and Firefox 3 or 3.5 / Safari 3+ (ITS recommends v.4)
  - Control + click link and then select Open in New Window
- Can use Expose to quickly switch back and forth

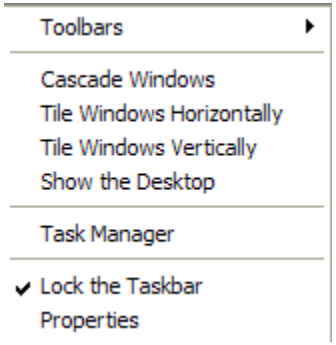




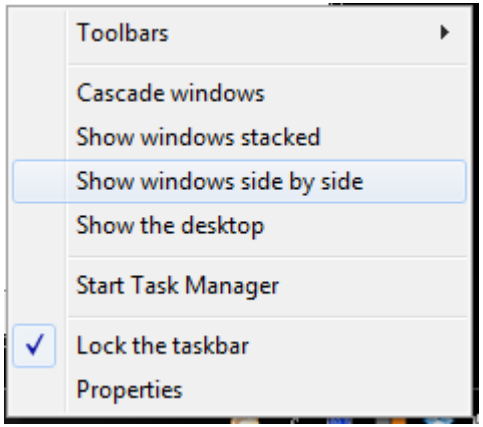
Multiple Windows

- Once you have multiple windows open, you can also tile the windows to see them side by side
  - Minimize (don't close) all but the windows you want to tile
  - Right-click in an empty space on your Taskbar, and then select Tile Windows Vertically or Tile Windows Horizontally

Windows XP



Windows 7



Multiple Tabs

- Windows (any version) and Firefox 3 or 3.5/Internet Explorer 7 or 8
  - Right-click on the Edit Grant Application link and select Open Link in New Tab
- Mac OS X and Safari 3+ (ITS recommends v.4)
  - Control + click link and then select Open in New Tab

- Or, even easier, middle-click (press the scroll wheel down) on Edit Grant Application to automatically open in a new tab
  - Works in the listed browsers on Windows and Mac