

Effortless Facts: April 2017 Edition

From Financial Compliance for Research!



Thanks to all of you for your diligence in achieving compliance with the **certification of effort** for the September-December period. After 6 periods of 100% compliance across the University, we had two uncertified statements on Monday that required the write-off of federal effort. Still, a tremendous achievement. Since ecrt inception, we have **electronically certified 79,145 effort statements** with only 32 statements left uncertified and having the federal effort removed, representing only .04% of the population – a testament to the exceptional work by all of you!



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*Additional Spring Workshop dates, including **the Basics of Effort Reporting**, have been added to the **FCR** website. Registration is now available on our **website**.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Write-Off of Uncertified Effort at 7:00 a.m.	4	5 Introduction to SPAR Workshop 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	6	7	8
		SPAR in query-only mode at 5:00 p.m. for month-end closing	SPAR in query-only mode for month-end closing	SPAR in query-only mode for month-end closing	SPAR becomes available for update at 6:00 a.m.	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Introduction to SPAR Workshop 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	21	22
					SPAR in query-only mode from Midnight - 11:00 a.m. for payroll processing	
23	24	25 Introduction to SPAR Workshop 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	26	27 Advanced SPAR & Cost Sharing Workshop 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	28	29
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