

Post-Award Support Roadmap | June 2026

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BACKGROUND: Marquette's success in obtaining external funding for research, instruction, equipment, and other projects has created significant challenges for PIs and support staff who assist with grants management tasks. The strategy for addressing these challenges involves process improvement to: *Reduce time required for key tasks, reduce error, increase staff capacity, improve communication, and create training and resource materials for all stakeholders who help manage grants.* This May 2026 Roadmap is based off the changes that have been implemented since the [December 2025 Roadmap](#) release. **Please refer to the original [May 2025 Roadmap](#) for further context.**

PRIORITIES, GOALS AND MILESTONES

Priority	Projects	Status	Milestones and Targets	Additional Comments			
Improve set-up process from official notice of award (NOA) to ready-to-spend grant accounts , with transparent communication and tracking.	Use Kualii Dashboards to communicate progress with PI, Colleges, and others	IN PROGRESS	JUNE 2026 Piloting No Cost Extensions in Negotiations. Adding Associate Deans for Research to be able to view Negotiations.	Continue work with additional agreement types (e.g. incoming subawards).			
	Annual report of key time-to-completion metrics for account set-up	COMPLETE	FALL 2026 Continued analysis will be discussed at Fall 2026 Town Hall.	Time-to-completion data separated into award set-up and account set-up stages, now being collected.			
Provide additional central support for PIs.	Create and disseminate grant management tools	IN PROGRESS	JANUARY 2026 Terminal close-out document completed and available as a stand-alone document or as part of a kick-off/monthly check-in/closeout Excel package. Invoice review checklist finalized.	Click here for documents posted on ORSP website. View resources on MU POST website .			
	New form/process for no-cost extension requests	IN PROGRESS	SPRING 2026 New "No Cost Extension" form/process piloted and launched with improvements being made along the way.	Work continues to increase visibility by adding No Cost Extensions into Kualii Negotiations.			
	Increase BI report usage / knowledge	IN PROGRESS	SRPING 2026 Developed six videos.	PIs will be able to easily find all reports needed to manage their grants and access their data. Additional tools for reading reports will be forthcoming.			
	Development of informative reports	IN PROGRESS	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> SUMMER 2026 Projected release of "E-Verify" Report for improved compliance tracking. </td> <td style="width: 33%; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> FALL 2026 Projected release of "Exception" report and "Tuition" report. </td> <td style="width: 33%; background-color: #e6f2ff;"> SPRING 2027 Projected release of "Subaward" report. </td> </tr> </table>	SUMMER 2026 Projected release of "E-Verify" Report for improved compliance tracking.	FALL 2026 Projected release of "Exception" report and "Tuition" report.	SPRING 2027 Projected release of "Subaward" report.	"Upcoming Reports Due" report delayed due to inability to pull data as anticipated. "E-Verify" report (for compliance tracking) and "Exception" report were developed and are in final testing. "Exception" report can be used to identify and investigate discrepancies in grant financial data, including mis-matches between total grant budget, authorized amounts, and project-to-date or ledger balances; highlights accounts for potential issues (e.g. budget variances, negative balances, misaligned totals). "Tuition" report, which will compliment the new tuition request process, will be added to the "Dashboard" report. "Subaward" report is in early stages of development.
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	Replace existing Student Grant Support form	COMPLETE	MAY 2026 Launched new process and forms for Summer 2026 in preparation for high volume in Fall 2026. Developed website with links to related information and resources.	New process and forms provides visibility for PIs, students and other authorized signers, along with increased accuracy regarding the number of credits requested.			
Participating support resources	COMPLETE	SPRING 2026 Launched informational website with 1-page document on what PIs need to know at pre- and post-award stages.	Built out website with all resources in one place, including documenting important pre- and post-award information for greater transparency and guidance.				
Continue to utilize stakeholder feedback for future project prioritization and evaluation of completed project impact.	Stakeholder feedback	IN PROGRESS	APRIL 2026 Held an in-person Campus Town Hall and added a virtual Campus Town Hall based upon requests.	Gearing up for mid-point survey/focus groups in Spring 2027. Continuous iteration of processes and resources based on user feedback.			
	Dashboard updates	IN PROGRESS	APRIL 2026 Grant Budget Dashboard Training. Continued work to ensure accuracy of accounts (issue was identified and is being corrected).	Always looking to improve the experience and usefulness. In Summer/Fall we hope to add a Tuition Report within the Dashboard so that PIs can see which students received tuition credits, how many they received and the academim period in which they received them.			

GLOSSARY	Kualii - Marquette University's electronic system for proposal approval and submission, research compliance and grants management.
	DataMarq - Used for reporting and analytics at MU. Offers a searchable, user-friendly catalog of reports available to the university community as well as reports available to the public.
	PI (Principal Investigator) - The individual responsible for an externally-funded project. PIs are accountable for the project's technical success, financial management, and compliance with applicable regulations.
	* Anything underlined blue is an external link

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