Online Effort Reporting Is Coming

Welcome to a new age of effort reporting. The Research Foundation for SUNY is implementing an online effort reporting tool—Effort Certification and Reporting Technology (ecrt)—eliminating the need for signing paper copies of your effort statement.

Principal investigators with effort on federally-funded sponsored programs, including federal flow-through programs, will use ecrt to certify their effort and the effort of staff working on their sponsored programs.


ecrt will be used for effort certifications starting with Spring 2013 effort statements.

- No paper forms to sign and route.
- Just a few clicks to complete your effort certification.
- View even more information about your effort and sponsored awards:
  - Detailed payroll transactions.
  - The dollar amounts behind the effort percentages.
  - Staff charging effort to your awards.
  - The amount of effort you committed to each award.
- Access your information anytime and anywhere you have Internet access—mobile devices too!

Simply click the link in the e-mail you will receive at the beginning of the certification period.

After logging in to ecrt you can access training materials right from the application. If you still have questions click the Get Help button to send an e-mail to your campus effort reporting administrator.

Training materials are also available on the RF’s public Web site.

Federal regulations require any person paid, or with an effort commitment, on a federally sponsored award to certify that the salary paid or the commitment is reasonable in relation to the effort devoted to a sponsored program.