

# RAM Reports: What They Can Do and What's New

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# Agenda

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- 4) Future Functionality
- 5) On-line Resources/Guide
- 6) Q&A



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# What are RAM Reports?

RAM Reports deliver financial information via an enhanced reporting tool and offer a more robust experience managing sponsored projects financials. The information in RAM Reports is pulled just as Infoporte, directly from ConnectCarolina and RAMSeS

Highlights of RAM Reports:

- Provide intuitive navigation and ease of searching,
- Easy to view and read report formats,
- Access to both project and award financials,
- Ability to drill into detailed expense transactions, and
- All reports are downloadable to Excel



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# Recent Enhancements

- AR Tab
- Personnel Tab
- Monthly static reports
- Search Capabilities



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# DEMONSTRATION



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# Future Enhancements

- Cost Share Tab
- Bundled Excel file downloads for Monthly reports
- Improved PI dashboard/ summary view
- Personnel Tab enhancements
- Projection Tool
- Longer retention/access to documentation



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# Resources

- About
- Reference Guide
- FAQs
- Video Tutorial

<https://research.unc.edu/sponsored-research/resources/ram-reports/>



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Questions?





# Submitted Questions

- **How often are RAM reports updated? Is this system a day behind like Infoporte?** RAM reports are updated every night when the data warehouse is updated. It is a day behind just like Infoporte.
- **Is there a way to download the Project Activity in excel in a formatted version?** Project Summary information can be downloaded. Please reach out to OSR if you are not able or to provide an example of what you are seeing so we can assist.
- **Can I find any PI's project info or is it restricted by my unit affiliation?** You may only view information for PIs in your department.



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# Submitted Questions

- **Are monthly reports only available after the month is closed so we know it's final?** Yes. Monthly reports are generated after Finance officially closes the month. These are static reports.
- **I can see that Projected Payroll and Enc. columns don't include Indirect costs estimates. So, this means that the projected balance amount shown in the report is not completed?** The projections in RAM Reports currently mimic InfoPorte. We are working on a more comprehensive projection tool for the RAM reports, but that is a long-term project and won't be available immediately.



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# Submitted Question

- **Have you considered aggregating RAM report data into department or college level data on funding? Like if I wanted to compare funding between departments over time but didn't want to have to do all of the analysis myself from excel files downloaded from RAM.** The RAM Reports were not intended as a tool to analyze college/school/department funding over time, but to provide tools to help manage individual awards and projects. However, there are Tableau reports that were developed to enable units to track their award totals over time and there should be individuals in your college/school/department that have access to them.



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# Submitted Questions

- **Is there a way to pull a report that encompasses the life of the project if the project id changes each year?** Currently no. The report can only be generated at the award and project level. If the award id changed for the same award, you will have to run the report by each award id.
- **Does this report show interest earned?** Yes. Interest earned is posted at the discretion of Finance. Interest budget is reflected under the Budget Pool (501000).



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