

Boston University

- CRC: Charles River Campus
- BUMC: Boston University Medical Campus
 - BMC: Boston Medical Center (Hospital Affiliated with BUMC)

CRC Schools and Departments

- CAS: College of Arts and Sciences
 - PBS: Psychology and Brain Sciences
- GPN: Graduate Program for Neuroscience
- ENG: School of Engineering
 - BME: Biomedical Engineering
 - ECE: Electrical & Computer Engineering
 - ME: Mechanical Engineering
- Sargent: Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Services
- CFA: College of Fine Arts
- Questrom: Questrom School of Business
- Wheelock: BU Wheelock College of Education and Humanities
- COM: College of Communications
- GRS: Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- CGS: College of General Studies
- MET: Metropolitan College
- Pardee: Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies
- SHA: School of Hospitality Administration
- LAW: School of Law
- SSW: School of Social Work
- Kilachand: Arvind & Chandan Nandlal Kilachand Honors College
- STH: School of Theology
- ROTC: Decision of Military Education

BUMC Schools and Departments

- SDM: Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine
- MED: School of Medicine
- SPH: School of Public Health

Research Centers and Institutes

- Kilachand Center (formerly CILSE): Rajen Kilachand Center for Integrated Life Sciences and Engineering
 - BDC: Biological Design Center
 - CIDAR: Cross-Disciplinary Integration of Design Automation Research
 - CSN: Center for Systems Neuroscience
 - CNC: Cognitive Neuroimaging Center
 - fMRI: Functional magnetic resonance imaging
 - Neurophotonics: Center for Neurophotonics

- fNIRS: Functional near-infrared spectroscopy
 - CRESCENT: Center for Research in Sensory Communication and Emerging Neural Technology (shutting down, but you may hear it)
- Hariri (or HIC): Rafik B. Hariri Institute for Computing and Computational Science
- NEIDL: National Emerging Infections Diseases Laboratory
- Pardee: Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future
- IOC: Initiative on Cities
- CARE: Center for Autism Research
- Photonics: Photonics Center
- RISCS: Center for Reliable Information Systems and Cyber Security

University Research

- SP: Sponsored Programs (sometimes called OSP, the former acronym)
 - RA: Research Administrator
 - DA: Department Administrator
 - OAR: Other Authorized Representative
 - AOR: Authorized Official Representative
- PAFO: Post Award Financial Office
 - RA: Research Administrator
 - DA: Department Administrator
- PDPA: Professional Development & Postdoctoral Affairs
- Compliance: Research Compliance Office
 - IRB: Institutional Review Board (committee approving human subjects use)
 - HIPAA: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
 - PHI: Protected Health Information
 - IACUC: Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
 - ASC: Animal Science Center
 - FCOI: Financial Conflict of Interest
 - RIMS: Research Information Management System

Sponsored Program Forms/Terms

- AN: Award Notification
- COI: Conflict of Interest
- FRN: Fund Reservation Number, also called subaward number
- FY: Fiscal Year
- IPAR: Institutional Prior Approval Form
- JIT: Just in Time
- LOI: Letter or Statement of Intent to enter into a Subaward Agreement
- M&IE: Meals and Incidental Expenses
- NCE: No Cost Extension
- NOA: Notice of Award
- PA: Program Announcement

- PA-R: Program Announcement (with special receipt, referral and/or review considerations)
- PI: Principal Investigator
- PSF: Proposal Summary Form
- PI Status: Principle Investigator Status Request form
- RFA: Request for Application
- RFP: Request for Proposal
- SOW: Scope of Work

PAFO Forms/Terms

- AFR: After the Fact Review
- AR: Accounts Receivable
- BW: Business Warehouse (runs reports from SAP)
- F&A: Facilities and Administrative, or indirect costs (IDC)
- FFATA: Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act
- FRN: Fund Reservation Number, also called subaward number
- FY: Fiscal Year
- GL: General Ledger
- IDC: Indirect Costs
- MR: Miscellaneous Receivables
- MTDC: Modified Total Direct Costs
- OTC: Over the Cap
- PAR: Personnel Activity Report
- PI: Principal Investigator
- PTE: Pass-through-Entity
- SARF: Salary Adjustment Request Form
- SAP: BU financial system
- SPQ: Subrecipient Prequalifying Questionnaire
- Sub: Subrecipient
- TDC: Total Direct Costs
- UG: Uniform Guidance
- ZJ: Journal Entry for adjustment, not cost transfer
- ZK: Journal Entry for cost transfer less than 90 days
- ZV: Journal Entry for cost transfer more than 90 days

Sponsors

- DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services
 - NIH: National Institutes of Health
 - NCI: National Cancer Institute
 - NEI: National Eye Institute
 - NHLBI: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
 - NHGRI: National Human Genome Research Institute

- NIA: National Institute on Aging
- NIAAA: National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
- NIAID: National Institute of Infectious Diseases
- NIAMS: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
- NIBIB: National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering
- NICHD: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- NIDCD: National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders
- NIDCR: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
- NIDDK: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
- NIDA: National Institute on Drug Abuse
- NIEHS: National Institute of Environmental Health Services
- NIGMS: National Institute of General Medical Sciences
- NIMH: National Institute of Mental Health
- NIMHD: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
- NINDS: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
- NINR: National Institute of Nursing research
- NLM: National Library of Medicine
- DoD: Department of Defense
 - ONR: Office of Naval Research
 - CDMRP: Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs
 - DARPA: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
 - USAMRAA: U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
 - USAMRMC: U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command
- DOE: Department of Energy
- NSF: National Science Foundation
- NASA: National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- VA: US Department of Veterans Affairs
- ED: Department of Education
- NEA: National Endowment for the Arts
- NEH: National Endowment for the Humanities
- NARA: National Archives and Records

Sponsor Websites

- NIH
 - Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov/>
 - eRA Commons: <https://public.era.nih.gov/commons/public/login>
 - ASSIST: Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking
- DoD
 - Grants.gov: <https://www.grants.gov/>

- eBRAP: Electronic Biomedical Research Application Portal, <https://ebrap.org/eBRAP/public/index.htm>
- NSF
 - Fastlane

Sourcing and Procurement

- PO: Purchase Order
- LO: Limit Order
- SRM: Supplier Relationship Management
- FSR: Facilities Service Request
- ISR: Internal Service Request
- SC: Shopping Cart

Accounting

- ACCT Xwalk: Account crosswalk, used to translate legacy to SAP and vice versa
- Legacy: the old
- AP: Accounts Payable
- FI: Financials Accounting
- FM: Funds Management
- GM: Grants Management
- SP: Sponsored Program
- FP: Funded Program
- IO: Internal Order (same as SP and FP)

IT

- IS&T: Information Services and Technology
- LETS: Learning & Events Technology Services
- WebGUI: Not sure what it stands for, but it is some sort of open source management system BU uses for things like approving staff timesheets etc.
- Galaxy: Old School system we use for security access requests (access to building/particular labs)

Other

- AP: Accounts Payable
- SEO: Student Employment Office
- ISSO: International Students and Scholars Office
- BUS: Boston University Shuttle
- FitRec: BU Fitness and Recreation Center
- BUCCI: BU Children's Center