



TWO MINUTE CASE STUDY

INFOREADY USE FOCUS Seed grants

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The centralized Research Development office at WashU supports faculty from all schools, including the growing Here & Next Seed Funds initiative.

Like many research institutions, there's desire to de-silo to have lots of innovative, interdisciplinary collaboration between various schools. As an administrator, it can be difficult to see those processes through when you've got different units doing things in different ways. One of my goals is to put together as transparent and fair process as possible with as much information as widely available as possible for the programs that I am running. InfoReady has a big role in helping me do that.

How InfoReady helps

Standardization gets us really excited here at WashU because it's an institutional priority. We want people who are using seed funds to follow a similar procedure across programs. When we're all using similar objectives, similar goals there's a good baseline for what people can expect from awards, applications and reports.

Soon my office will start using InfoReady as a part of our limited selections process, which we call an internal selection. Right now, our limited selections program manager uses a very complex system that's combined with SharePoint and Excel documents and emails and our website. There are so many steps to her procedure. She will be able to get so much time back and do other parts of her job because she'll have a unified template that she can pretty much just copy and paste. She was showing me the whole process, and I was like, your life is going to change.

This is also part of the standardization that I think will be really useful. More people using InfoReady because they know that it's an easy system to work with and that it's user friendly.

The fact that we can have a tool that makes it straightforward is incredibly helpful because I'm not having to rely on making sure that my brain did it right the first time. I've got a system that is standardized and it's useful.



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