

## Financial Systems Access

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### Policy Statement

This policy establishes under what circumstances individuals can access University-wide financial systems. Access to these systems will be granted only where there are valid business reasons. All financial-systems access requests must originate from tub-appointed Authorized Requestors, and all requests are granted by administrative personnel within Financial Systems Solutions (FSS).

All data and information stored on Harvard's financial applications is considered confidential and must be handled in accordance with the University's Enterprise Information Security Policy.

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### Reason for Policy

Certain Harvard employees and other individuals connected to the University must have access to the University's financial systems to allow the University to operate efficiently and to enable local units to process University payments and other financial transactions in accordance with risk-control requirements like separation of duties. This policy is necessary to minimize the risks associated with granting access to Harvard's financial systems.

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### Who Must Comply

All Harvard University schools, tubs, local units, Affiliate Institutions, Allied Institutions and University-wide Initiatives must comply.

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### Procedures

1. **Identify business need for new or changes to existing systems access.** Access to Harvard financial systems is only granted where required by a University business need. Where required by a valid business need, the University permits financial systems access of varying levels to the following four types of financial- systems users:
  - A. Harvard employees
  - B. Temporary Harvard employees (including students with jobs)
    - a. Harvard temporary employees (including students) may be granted access to certain Harvard financial systems in limited situations. These individuals are generally **not** allowed access to the PCard settlement system.
  - C. Affiliated hospital employees
    - a. Affiliated hospital employees may be granted access to Harvard's financial systems in limited situations. See the Appendix A of this policy for more information.
    - b. Non-Harvard Medical School tubs should note that HMS has done extensive work in the area of establishing procedures for granting systems access to its affiliates. HMS has developed standard forms and agreements that must be signed by the affiliated hospital employees prior to granting financial-systems access. These forms might serve as a model for other tubs with non-Harvard employees requiring financial-systems access.
  - D. Consultants and agency employees
    - a. Consultants and agency employees may be granted access to Harvard's financial systems in limited situations. These situations are expected to be rare given risks associated with security, maintenance, and monitoring of such activity.
    - b. These individuals are not allowed access to the PCard settlement system.

2. **Ensure user has a valid HUID.** All users of Harvard’s financial systems must have a valid University-issued identification number (HUID), which may be a permanent-employee ID or a temporary ID.
3. **Send request documenting business need to tub Authorized Requestor (AR).**
  - A. All access requests must originate from Authorized Requestors, established in each of the tubs. Refer to the “Responsibilities and Contacts” and “Definitions” sections of this policy for more information.
  - B. Certain types of access (e.g., University-wide access, access to other tubs’ data) require additional approvals.
  - C. See Appendix B for detailed instructions on how to request, change or terminate access for different types of users.
4. **Validate user access annually.** Each year, Authorized Requestors must review the list of users and their associated access for appropriateness, making changes where needed. Authorized Requestors must sign off on final lists for their respective areas.

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## Responsibilities and Contacts

**Financial deans** or equivalent tub financial officers are responsible for ensuring that local units abide by this policy. Tubs are responsible for appointing Authorized Requestors, and for ensuring that local financial-systems users are adequately trained, have appropriate systems security privileges, and are aware of and compliant with the University’s Enterprise Information Security Policy. In particular, tubs granting access to non-employees (i.e., students, post-docs or third-party employees) must ensure that the access granted to such individuals is necessary to assist Harvard employees in performing administrative tasks. Tubs must periodically review local users who have been granted system access, and change, grant, or delete access as appropriate.

**Authorized Requestors** are responsible for requesting financial-systems access for a certain group of individuals within a tub or for individuals across an entire tub, depending on local tub policies and procedures. Authorized Requestors must determine the minimum level of system access necessary for each designated user to perform his or her required job duties. Authorized Requestors must send all requests directly to Financial Systems Solutions (FSS) using established practices and must maintain documentation to support those requests.

**Financial Systems Solutions (FSS)** is responsible for responding to tub Authorized Requestor requests for financial-systems access, and for regularly monitoring active financial-systems users for appropriateness of system access, using employee-termination data and other information. **Contact:** <https://fss.finance.harvard.edu/> or 617-496-2001

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## Definitions

**Affiliated Hospital Employee:** An individual who performs Harvard business but who is paid by one of the affiliated Harvard hospitals. The affiliated hospital employee (or “affiliate”) must have a special ID number issued by Harvard University Identification and Data (HUID) Services for the purpose of logging into the financial systems. Note: Harvard affiliate institutions other than affiliated hospitals, whose workers are not Harvard employees, may apply this policy to their own employees. Affiliate institutions in this situation should follow the guidelines related to affiliated-hospital employees when applying this policy.

**Agency Employee:** Worker hired on a short-term basis from an employment agency; must have a special ID number issued by Harvard University ID Services for the purpose of logging into the financial systems.

**Authorized Requestor:** Tub financial dean or designee responsible for determining user security access in their tub. Financial Systems Solutions (FSS) will not accept any user security request unless it originates from an Authorized Requestor.

**Consultant:** An independent contractor or individual representing a firm providing services for Harvard; must have a special ID number issued by Harvard University ID Services for the purpose of logging into the financial systems.

**Harvard Employee:** An individual with an active job record or appointment in Harvard’s PeopleSoft (PS) Human Resources Management System (HRMS) and a valid Harvard University ID number, including Less than Half Time employees (LHT). Employees generally receive some form of benefits such as pension, medical, dental, vacation, sick days, etc.

**Harvard University ID Number (HUID #):** A unique eight-digit identification number generated by Harvard’s PeopleSoft (PS) Human Resources Management System (HRMS) or the HIRE system. Most degree students also have identification numbers issued by HUID services.

**Temporary Harvard Employee:** An individual with a job record in Harvard’s PeopleSoft (PS) Human Resources Management System (HRMS) and a valid Harvard University ID number. This definition includes Harvard and non-Harvard students with jobs. This group generally does not receive employee benefits. Payroll is driven by hours submitted each week.

**University-wide Financial Systems:** For purposes of this policy, University-wide financial systems include the Oracle E-Business Suite, the Grants Management Application Suite (GMAS) and the Harvard University Budgeting System (HUBS). Note that PeopleSoft is a Human Resources system; contact HR for information on PeopleSoft access.

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## Related Resources

Harvard Enterprise Information Security Policy (HEISP): <https://policy.security.harvard.edu/>

Procurement and Reimbursement Systems: [http://vpf-web.harvard.edu/ofs/policies/documents/procu\\_reimb\\_syste.pdf](http://vpf-web.harvard.edu/ofs/policies/documents/procu_reimb_syste.pdf)

Stewardship Responsibility: [http://vpf-web.harvard.edu/ofs/policies/documents/stewa\\_respo.pdf](http://vpf-web.harvard.edu/ofs/policies/documents/stewa_respo.pdf)

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## Revision History

05/01/2023: Addendum Financial Systems Access Policy updated to incorporate PCard Concur access.

04/18/2022: Addendum Financial Systems Access Policy – temporary addendum regarding access to Concur, B2P, Oracle.

6/30/2013: Updated format

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## Appendices

**Appendix A:** Access to Harvard’s Financial Systems Policy Grid – See Financial Systems Access Addendum dated 05/01/2023

**Appendix B:** Detailed Instructions for Granting Systems Access

**Appendix C:** HUBS User Security Form

See [Financial Systems Access Addendum](#) - 05/01/2023

**Appendix A: Access to Oracle E-Business Suite Matrix**

Note: Tubs may have policies that are more restrictive than those outlined below.

Last revised 3/31/2013		User/Employee Type			
		Harvard (including LHT)	Temporary Harvard	Affiliated Hospital	Consultant/ Agency
Activity Type	System Access	HUID#	HUID#	Special ID#	Special ID#
		Univ Policy Allow Access?	Univ Policy Allow Access?	Univ Policy Allow Access?	Univ Policy Allow Access?
RECEIVE \$\$	AR-Non Collections	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
RECEIVE \$\$	AR- Collections	Yes	No	Yes*	No
SPEND \$\$	HCOM/Web Reimbursement Preparer	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
SPEND \$\$	HCOM/Web Reimbursement Approver	Yes	No	Yes*	No
SPEND \$\$	Corp Card Holder	Yes	No	No	No
SPEND \$\$	Pcard Holder ***	Yes	No	Yes*	No
SPEND \$\$	AP Feeds	Yes	No	No	No
MOVE \$\$	Pcard Settlement	Yes	No	Yes*	No
MOVE \$\$	GL Manual Journals, including ADI	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
REPORT \$\$	Ad Hoc	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes
REPORT \$\$	CREW	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes





\*Yes, with Special Affiliate Agreement (using his or her own Special ID#, depending on specific financial systems application.

\*\* Eligibility restrictions apply; see the Harvard Travel Service website for more information:  
[http://www.travel.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/travel/policies\\_procedures.php](http://www.travel.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/travel/policies_procedures.php)

\*\*\* Certain graduate and undergraduate students may be eligible to receive a Pcard. Contact your Pcard local administrator for details.

## Financial Systems Access Policy Addendum

This addendum establishes the roles individuals may hold for University-wide financial systems or for Harvard-issued card programs. Any individual with access to these systems or programs must follow applicable Harvard policies as well as the terms and conditions of the cardholder agreement. Schools and units have the ultimate decision to determine when and what type of University-issued card is appropriate and may have more restrictive guidelines, contact your local Finance Office for additional information.

Type of Card	Harvard Employee <sup>1</sup>	Contingent Worker <sup>2</sup> (CW)	Affiliated Hospital	Consultant/Agency
<a href="#">Purchasing Card</a> 	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes <sup>3</sup>  <b>Concur PCard Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur PCard Approver:</b> Yes	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes  <b>Concur PCard Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur PCard Approver:</b> Generally, No <sup>2</sup>	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes <sup>4</sup>  <b>Concur PCard Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur PCard Approver:</b> No	<b>Cardholder:</b> No  <b>Concur PCard Delegate:</b> No <b>Concur PCard Approver:</b> No
<a href="#">Corporate Card</a> <a href="#">Travel Policy</a> 	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes  <b>Concur Expense Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur Expense Approver:</b> Yes	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes  <b>Concur Expense Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur Expense Approver:</b> Generally, No <sup>2</sup>	<b>Cardholder:</b> No  <b>Concur Expense Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur Expense Approver:</b> No	<b>Cardholder:</b> No  <b>Concur Expense Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur Expense Approver:</b> No
<a href="#">Declining Balance Card</a> 	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes - Includes Harvard Students <sup>3</sup>  <b>B2P Shopper/Requestor:</b> Yes <b>B2P Approver:</b> Yes	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes  <b>B2P Shopper/Requestor:</b> Yes <b>B2P Approver:</b> Generally, No <sup>2</sup>	<b>Cardholder:</b> No  <b>B2P Shopper/Requestor:</b> Yes <b>B2P Approver:</b> No	<b>Cardholder:</b> No  <b>B2P Shopper/Requestor:</b> Yes <b>B2P Approver:</b> No
<a href="#">Department Card</a> 	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes  <b>Concur Expense Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur Expense Approver:</b> Yes	<b>Cardholder:</b> Yes  <b>Concur Expense Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur Expense Approver:</b> Generally, No <sup>2</sup>	<b>Cardholder:</b> No  <b>Concur Expense Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur Expense Approver:</b> No	<b>Cardholder:</b> No  <b>Concur Expense Delegate:</b> Yes <b>Concur Expense Approver:</b> No

**Contingent Workers:** CWs who do not qualify for a Harvard-issued card who, with prior approval from their hiring manager, incur University business expenses may be reimbursed for those expenses through [Fieldglass](#).

**Affiliate Hospitals and Consultants/Agencies** are reimbursed through Buy-to-Pay as a non-employee reimbursement (for valid Harvard business expense) or payment request/purchase order. In all cases payments from Harvard must follow appropriate Harvard Travel and Reimbursement Policies.

<sup>1</sup> With the approval of the Financial Dean/Designee, a future employee or faculty emeritus may hold a corporate card. Generally, cards should not be issued to temporary employees unless there is a significant Harvard business need. The decision to issue a temporary employee a credit card is ultimately at the School or unit's discretion and may qualify when appropriately prescreened and with the approval of the Manager and Financial Dean/Designee. See [Who is Eligible to Use Concur](#).

<sup>2</sup> A Contingent Worker (CW) is someone working for a third-party agency (e.g., AllSource) most often employed and paid through Harvard's Managed Service Provider (DZConneX [Formerly Yoh]). Generally, CWs should not have Harvard-issued cards or access to financial systems (Concur/B2P) unless there is a significant Harvard business need, (e.g., frequent Harvard business travel). The decision is ultimately at the School or unit's discretion, and CWs may qualify for a university-issued card or access financial systems when appropriately prescreened and with the approval of the Manager and Financial Dean/Designee. All individuals must have an end date of one year from date of set-up in Concur or B2P and must be reviewed and extended, if appropriate, on an annual basis. The School/local unit will be responsible for any unpaid corporate card expenses. Authorized Requestors must complete a [Concur Access Form](#) for these individuals. **Anyone applying for a card or receiving access to a financial system must have an HUID.**

<sup>3</sup> Certain graduate or undergraduate students may be eligible for a PCard or Declining Balance Card. Contact your Local Card Administrator for information.

<sup>4</sup> Allowable with Special Affiliate Agreement.

**Appendix B:**  
**Detailed Procedures for Managing Access to Harvard’s Financial Systems**

<b>REQUESTING ACCESS</b>			
<b>User Category</b>	<b>Oracle and CREW</b>	<b>HUBS</b>	<b>GMAS</b>
<b>Harvard Employee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tub AR submits request via the Oracle user security request online form to FSS Client Services.</li> <li>• FSS reviews the request and grants systems access accordingly.</li> <li>• If the request requires additional approvals (i.e. University wide access), FSS will process the request upon receipt of approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARs submit a completed HUBS user security form via email to <a href="mailto:hubssecurity@harvard.edu">hubssecurity@harvard.edu</a>.</li> <li>• See HUBS user security form in Appendix C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAS ARs submit requests in body of an email to <a href="mailto:gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu">gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu</a> and include the following details:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Schools who own their standing teams submit the following:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Username</li> <li>▪ HUID</li> <li>▪ Action required (either set GMAS user flag to Yes or No)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Schools who do not own their standing teams submit the following:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Username</li> <li>▪ HUID</li> <li>▪ Action required (either set GMAS user flag to Yes or No)</li> <li>▪ Standing team to which user needs to be added/removed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Temporary Harvard Employee (including students with jobs)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tub AR submits request via the Oracle user security request online form to FSS Client Services.</li> <li>• <b>The Form must specify the temporary employee’s expected termination date.</b></li> <li>• FSS reviews the request and grants systems access accordingly.</li> <li>• If the request requires additional approvals (i.e. University wide access), FSS will process the request upon receipt of approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARs submit a completed HUBS user security form via email to <a href="mailto:hubssecurity@harvard.edu">hubssecurity@harvard.edu</a>.</li> <li>• See HUBS user security form in Appendix C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAS ARs submit requests in body of an email to <a href="mailto:gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu">gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu</a> and include the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Schools who own their standing teams submit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Username</li> <li>▪ HUID</li> <li>▪ Action required (either set GMAS user flag to Yes or No)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Schools who do not own their standing teams submit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Username</li> <li>▪ HUID</li> <li>▪ Action required (either set GMAS user flag to Yes or No)</li> <li>▪ Standing team to which user needs to be added/removed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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User Category	Oracle and CREW	HUBS	GMAS
<p><b>Affiliated Hospital Employee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Form must specify the affiliated hospital employee’s expected termination date (not to exceed January 31st of the following year).</b></li> <li>• FSS reviews the request and grants systems access accordingly.</li> <li>• If the request requires additional approvals (i.e. University wide access), FSS will process the request upon receipt of approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARs submit a completed HUBS user security form via email to <a href="mailto:hubssecurity@harvard.edu">hubssecurity@harvard.edu</a>.</li> <li>• See HUBS user security form in Appendix C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAS ARs submit requests in body of an email to <a href="mailto:gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu">gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu</a> and include the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Schools who own their standing teams submit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Username</li> <li>▪ HUID</li> <li>▪ Action required (either set GMAS user flag to Yes or No)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Schools who do not own their standing teams submit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Username</li> <li>▪ HUID</li> <li>▪ Action required (either set GMAS user flag to Yes or No)</li> <li>▪ Standing team to which user needs to be added/removed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Consultant/Agency Employee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Tub AR must first email FSS to set user up in Oracle before access to specific systems can be granted.</i></b></li> <li>• Tub AR submits request via the Oracle user security request online form to FSS Client Services.</li> <li>• <b>The Form must specify the consultant/agency employee's expected termination date (not to exceed one-year term).</b></li> <li>• FSS reviews the request and grants systems access accordingly.</li> <li>• If the request requires additional approvals (i.e. University wide access), FSS will process the request upon receipt of approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARs submit a completed HUBS user security form via email to <a href="mailto:hubssecurity@harvard.edu">hubssecurity@harvard.edu</a>.</li> <li>• See HUBS user security form in Appendix C</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAS ARs submit requests in body of an email to <a href="mailto:gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu">gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu</a> and include the following details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Schools who own their standing teams submit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Username</li> <li>▪ HUID</li> <li>▪ Action required (either set GMAS user flag to Yes or No)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Schools who do not own their standing teams submit the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Username</li> <li>▪ HUID</li> <li>▪ Action required (either set GMAS user flag to Yes or No)</li> <li>▪ Standing team to which user needs to be added/removed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>TERMINATING/EXTENDING ACCESS AND EMPLOYEE TRANSFERS</b>			
<b>User Category</b>	<b>Oracle and CREW</b>	<b>HUBS</b>	<b>GMAS</b>
<b>Harvard Employee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A terminated Harvard employee will automatically be disabled as a financial-systems user when that employee terminates from all jobs according to PeopleSoft.</li> <li>• In emergencies, an employee's access can be immediately disabled via phone call to Client Services; requestors must follow up with documentation/ written request for tracking purposes.</li> <li>• FSS regularly runs PeopleSoft reports to identify employee transfers. If a Harvard employee transfers to another position within the University, FSS notifies the tub's AR that the transferred employee's financial-systems access will be terminated unless the tub's AR requests otherwise.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARs email termination/extension request to <a href="mailto:hubssecurity@harvard.edu">hubssecurity@harvard.edu</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAS ARs submit requests in body of an email to <a href="mailto:gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu">gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu</a></li> </ul>
<b>Temporary Harvard Employee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FSS will terminate a temporary employee's access on the specified termination date or when the employee terminates from all jobs according to PeopleSoft, if sooner.</li> <li>• If a temporary employee transfers to another position within the University, FSS notifies the tub's AR that the transferred temporary employee's financial-systems access will be terminated unless the tub's AR requests otherwise.</li> <li>• If a temporary employee terminates employment before his or her expected termination date, the tub's AR must notify FSS.</li> <li>• In emergencies, a temporary employee's access can be immediately disabled via phone call to Client Services; requestors must follow up with documentation/ written request for tracking purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ARs email termination/extension request to <a href="mailto:hubssecurity@harvard.edu">hubssecurity@harvard.edu</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GMAS ARs submit requests in body of an email to <a href="mailto:gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu">gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu</a></li> </ul>

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<b>Affiliated Hospital Employee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSS will terminate an affiliated hospital employee's access on the specified expected termination date or on January 31st of the following year, whichever date occurs first.</li> <li>If the affiliated hospital employee needs continued access, the tub's AR must request an extension from FSS; the extension must not exceed January 31st of the following year.</li> <li>If an affiliated hospital employee terminates employment before his or her expected termination date, the tub's AR must notify FSS.</li> <li>In emergencies, an affiliated hospital employee's access can be immediately disabled via phone call to Client Services; requestors must follow up with documentation/ written request for tracking purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARs email termination/extension request to <a href="mailto:hubssecurity@harvard.edu">hubssecurity@harvard.edu</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GMAS ARs submit requests in body of an email to <a href="mailto:gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu">gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu</a></li> </ul>
<b>Consultant/Agency Employee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSS will terminate a consultant or agency employee's access on the specified expected termination date.</li> <li>If the consultant or agency employee needs continued access, the tub's AR must request an extension from FSS; the extension must not exceed one year.</li> <li>If a consultant/agency employee terminates employment before his or her expected termination date, the tub's AR must notify FSS.</li> <li>In emergencies, a consultant/agency employee's access can be immediately disabled via phone call to Client Services; requestors must follow up with documentation/ written request for tracking purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ARs email termination/extension request to <a href="mailto:hubssecurity@harvard.edu">hubssecurity@harvard.edu</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GMAS ARs submit requests in body of an email to <a href="mailto:gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu">gmassecurity@camail.harvard.edu</a></li> </ul>

