

# Romeo

## How to Apply for a UNBC Seed Grant

Please note: Romeo is compatible with Internet Explorer, Firefox, Edge, and Google Chrome. Safari is NOT a recommended browser. If you have any problems or questions, please contact the Office of Research at 250-960-5852 or email [researchportal@unbc.ca](mailto:researchportal@unbc.ca)

1. To access Romeo, go to <https://unbc.researchservicesoffice.com> and click on “Researcher Portal.” You will also find a link to Romeo along with self-help and reference materials on the UNBC Office of Research website ([www.unbc.ca/research](http://www.unbc.ca/research)).



2. Login using your UNBC email address (first name.last name@unbc.ca). If you are a first time Romeo user and do not have a password, or if you forgot your password, select “Reset Password” and follow the instructions to set/reset your password. If you do not have a Romeo account, please contact the Office of Research at 250-960-5852 or email [researchportal@unbc.ca](mailto:researchportal@unbc.ca)

 For access to the Research Portal, please contact a system administrator via [researchportal@unbc.ca](mailto:researchportal@unbc.ca) to create an account.

A screenshot of the Romeo login form. It features a "Login" button with a circular arrow icon in the top right corner. Below this are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Login" and "Reset Password".

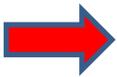
3. Once logged into Romeo, you will be brought to the Home page (see the example below).



4. To access all application forms available on Romeo, click on “**APPLY NEW.**” You will be brought to a screen (similar to the one below), which lists all of the available online application forms. There are applications under four categories: Animal Care, Biohazardous Materials, Research Ethics, and Research Funding.

Under **Research Funding**, select “**Seed Grant**”.

Animal Care		
Application Name	Description	Status
<a href="#">Animal Care In Principle Application</a>		Open
<a href="#">Animal Care New Application Form - Research Protocol (Field studies)</a>		Open
<a href="#">Animal Care New Application Form - Research Protocol (Laboratory Studies)</a>		Open
<a href="#">Animal Care New Application Form - Teaching Protocol</a>		Open
Biohazardous Materials		
Application Name	Description	Status
<a href="#">Biohazardous Material/Substance Use Application Form</a>	Researchers who are proposing to use biohazardous materials or notifiable biological substances must obtain a permit before purchasing these items or commencing laboratory work.	Open
<a href="#">Internal Radiosotope Permit Application</a>	Please use this form for new and renewal applications.	Open
Research Ethics		
Application Name	Description	Status
<a href="#">Research Ethics Board In Principle Review / Release of Funds</a>		Open
<a href="#">Research Ethics Board New Application Form</a>	Complete the New Application form when applying to the Research Ethics Board for conducting research involving human participants. Upcoming deadlines for above minimal risk applications requiring full board review are Feb. 25, 2016, March 17, 2016, April 14, 2016, May 5, 2016, and June 9, 2016. Minimal risk studies can be submitted at anytime, and an initial response from the REB usually takes approximately two weeks.	Open
Research Funding		
Application Name	Description	Status
<a href="#">Conference Faculty Travel Grant</a>	UNBC travel grants are available for national or international conference travel by eligible faculty members who are presenting a paper or poster. There are two rounds of competition per year. Retroactive applications are accepted but only under exceptional circumstances. Please consult the travel grant guidelines for more information on this competition.	Open
<a href="#">Contract Submission Form</a>	The Contract Submission Form must be completed by researchers submitting contract details for the development of a contract.	Open
<a href="#">External Grant Application Form</a>	The Grant Application Form must be completed by researchers applying for an external grant.	Open
<a href="#">General Research Fund (GRF) Application Form</a>		Open
<a href="#">Publication Grant</a>	UNBC publication grants are intended to enable UNBC faculty to disseminate the results of their scholarly endeavors. Please consult the competition guidelines for eligible expenses.	Open
<a href="#">Seed Grant</a>	Research seed grants are intended to act as a “springboard” to assist faculty in obtaining external funding for their research. Seed grants are distinct from start-up funding, which is made available to new faculty and negotiated with Chairs/Deans as a part of the appointment process. Deadline: March 1	Open



5. You will be brought to a screen similar to the one below.

Application Ref No: 4455

Application Form: Conference Faculty Travel Grant

Project Info | Project Team Info | Project Sponsor Info | Conference Faculty Travel Grant | Attachments | Approvals | Logs | Errors

Title:

Start Date:

End Date:

Keywords:

Related Certifications

- Click Search to attach an existing certification
- Click Add New to attach a certification not yet submitted to a review committee

Certification Category	File Name	Status	Renewal Date	Notes
No records to display.				

6. Under the “**Project Info.**” tab, complete:

**Title:** title of the project for which you are seeking support.

**Start date and end date:** Indicate the time frame during which you plan to work on and complete your project.

**Keywords:** provide any appropriate keywords (you can type or copy and paste keywords into the box instead of using the ‘add’ function).

Please note: fields marked with a red asterisk (\*) are mandatory.

7. **Related Certifications:** If you require any certifications for your seed grant project, click on **“Add New”**. A small **“Project Certification”** window will open. Select the certification you require from the drop down list and click **“Save”**. You can add multiple certifications, as needed.

Select **“Save”** before moving to the next tab. At any time, you can save your application and continue working on it at a later time. It is good practice to save your application before changing tabs or leaving the application for an extended period of time.

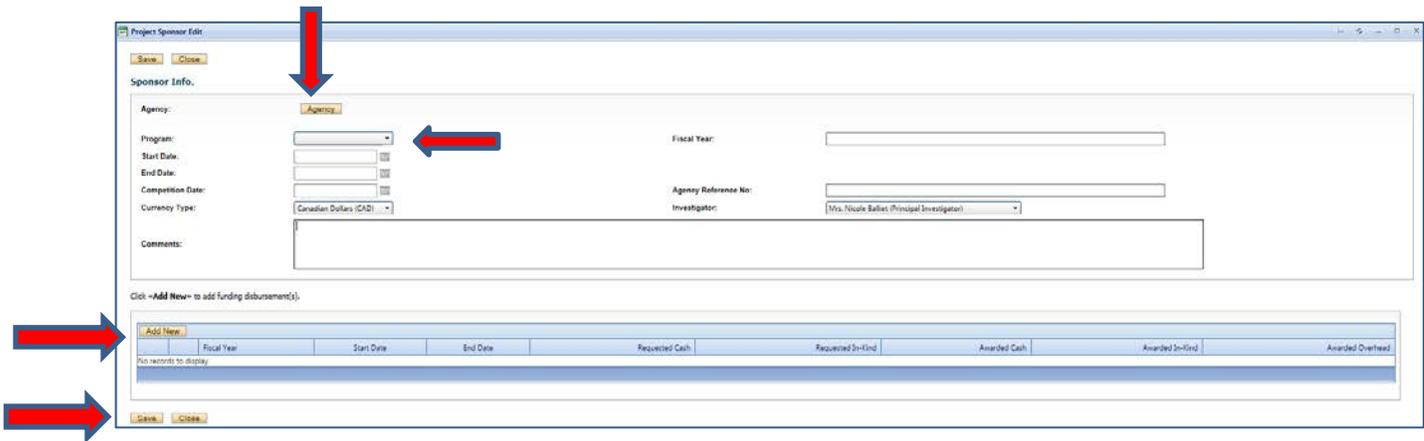
8. Proceed to the **“Project Team Info.”** tab. You will see a screen similar to the one below. The Principal Investigator information will auto-populate with your profile information. If you are not the PI, click the Change PI button to search for and select an alternate researcher profile. If the PI is not from UNBC and is not already entered into the Investigator Master Record (IMR), please contact the Office of Research, provide them with the PI’s contact information and have them add the individual to the IMR. **Remember:** if you remove yourself as PI, you will need to add yourself as a project team member, otherwise you will no longer be able to access the application.

**Other Project Member Info:** If applicable, click on **“Add New”** and search for and select from other researcher profiles. If the researcher is not on the list, please contact the Office of Research to have the investigator added to the IMR (please provide the Office with all of the contact information). Repeat this process for all additional team members.

Click on **“Save”** to save the information entered on this page.

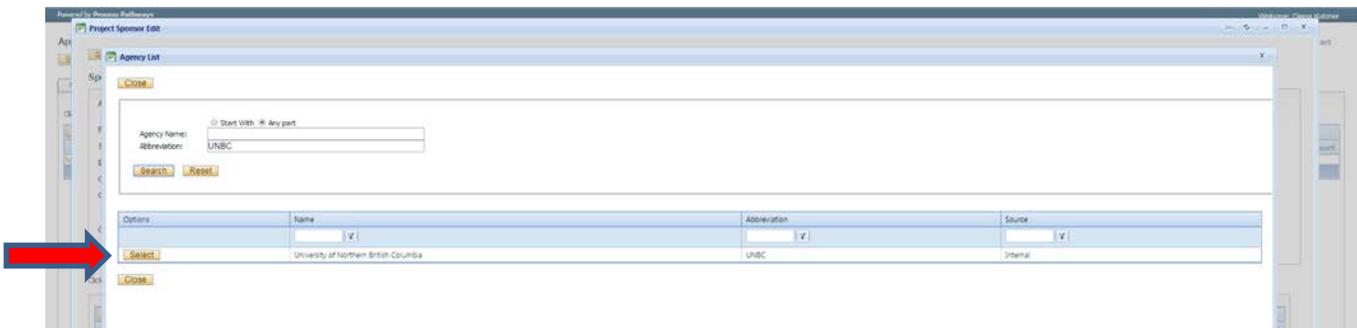
9. Next, proceed to the **“Project Sponsor Info.”** tab. You will see a screen similar to the one below. Click **“Add New.”**

If there are multiple sponsors/partner organizations for your project, you will need to repeat the process described below for each sponsor/partner organization.

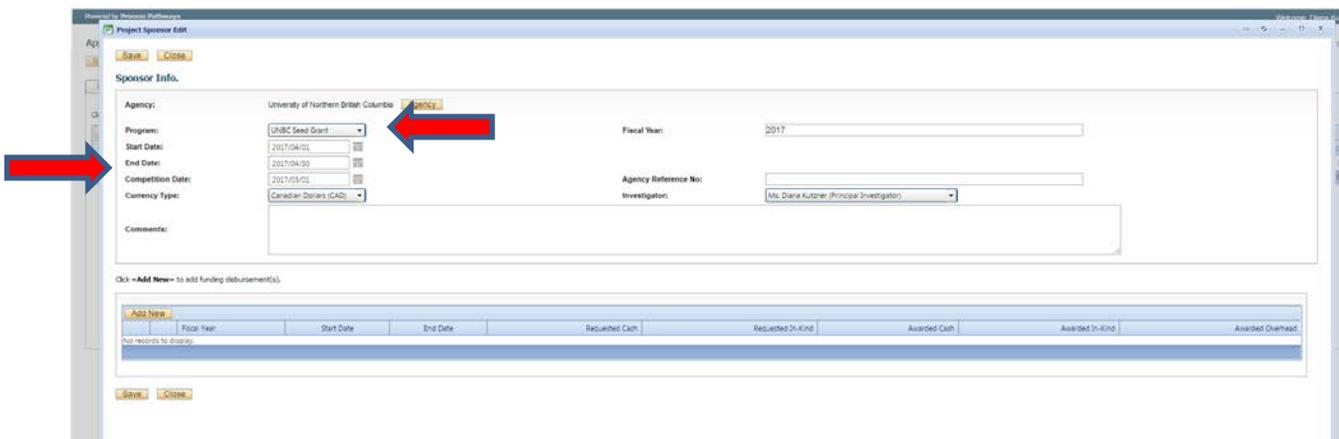


**Agency:** Click on “Agency” and search for the Funding Agency you are applying to. You may conduct a search using the Agency Name or abbreviation (e.g. UNBC). For this internal grants application, conduct a search for UNBC using the “Abbreviation” field.

Click on “Select” to choose UNBC.



Once you’ve selected UNBC, you will see a screen similar to the one below.



**Program:** Click on the drop-down list beside “Program” and select the program you are applying to (i.e., UNBC Seed Grant).

Enter the anticipated **Start Date** and **End Date** of your project.

Enter the **grant application deadline**.

The **Currency Type** should always be **CAD**. If there are Sponsor-related comments that you would like to make, please do so in the “Comments” box. The Fiscal Year box will auto-populate when you enter the start and end dates. If there is more than one project team member, you will be able to select the investigator associated with the funding. The default is the PI. Click “**Save**.”

10. For each year of funding, enter a disbursement by clicking on “**Add New**.” For multi-year projects, you will need to enter a separate disbursement for each year of funding.

Project Sponsor Edit

Save Close

Sponsor Info.

Agency: Agency

Program: [dropdown]

Start Date: [calendar]

End Date: [calendar]

Competition Date: [calendar]

Currency Type: Canadian Dollars (CAD)

Fiscal Year: [text]

Agency Reference No.: [text]

Investigator: Mrs. Nicole Ballet (Principal Investigator)

Comments:

Click <b>Add New</b> to add funding disbursement(s).

Add New

Fiscal Year	Start Date	End Date	Requested Cash	Requested In-Kind	Awarded Cash	Awarded In-Kind	Awarded Overhead
No records to display.							

Save Close

You will see a screen similar to the one below. Enter the start date and end date of your project. The fiscal year will automatically populate. Enter the requested amount of cash. Enter requested in-kind contributions (if applicable). For seed grants, there is no overhead. Enter any funding related comments you may have. Make sure to save your work before you exit the window.

Funding Disbursement Info.

Save Close

Funding Disbursement Info.

Fiscal Year: [text]

Start Date: [calendar]

End Date: [calendar]

Requested Cash: [text]

Requested In-Kind: [text]

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Awarded In-Kind: [text]

Awarded Overhead: [text]

Final Cash: [text]

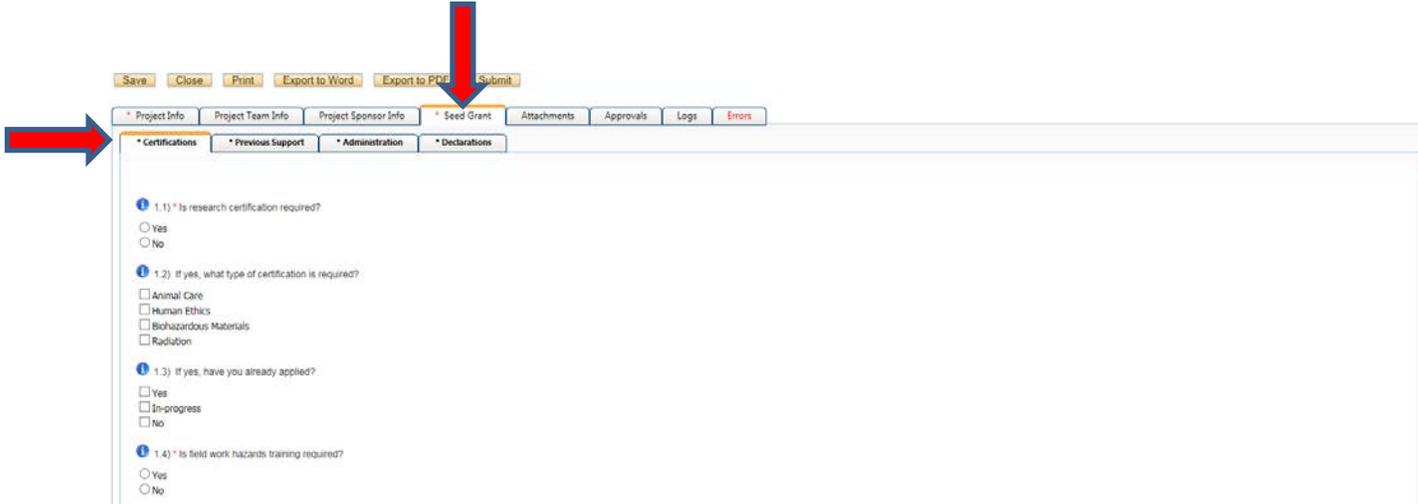
Final In-Kind: [text]

Final Overhead: [text]

Comments:

Save Close

11. Next, proceed to the “**Seed Grant**” tab. Click on the “**Certifications**” tab (should open by default). Answer the applicable questions under this tab. Remember to click “**Save**” before moving onto the next tab. Click on  for more information about a question.



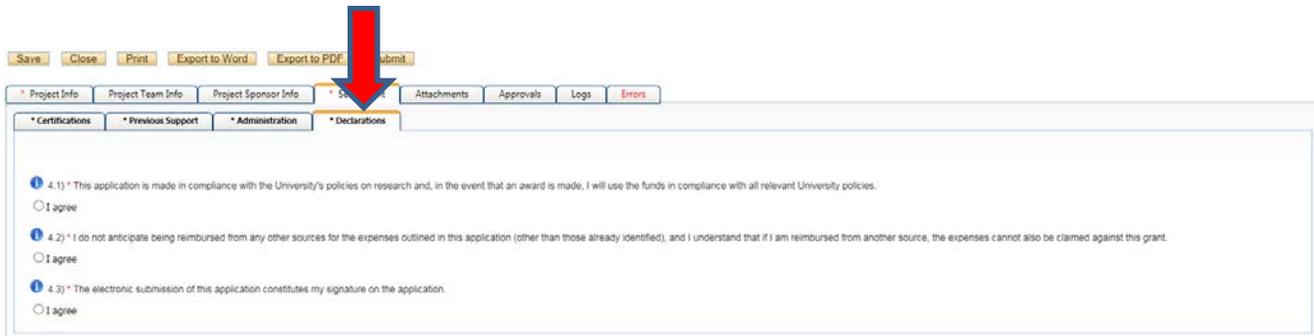
12. Next, click on the “**Previous Support**” tab. Questions in this tab are related to support which you may have received from the Seed Grant Committee in the past. Answer all of the applicable questions under this tab.



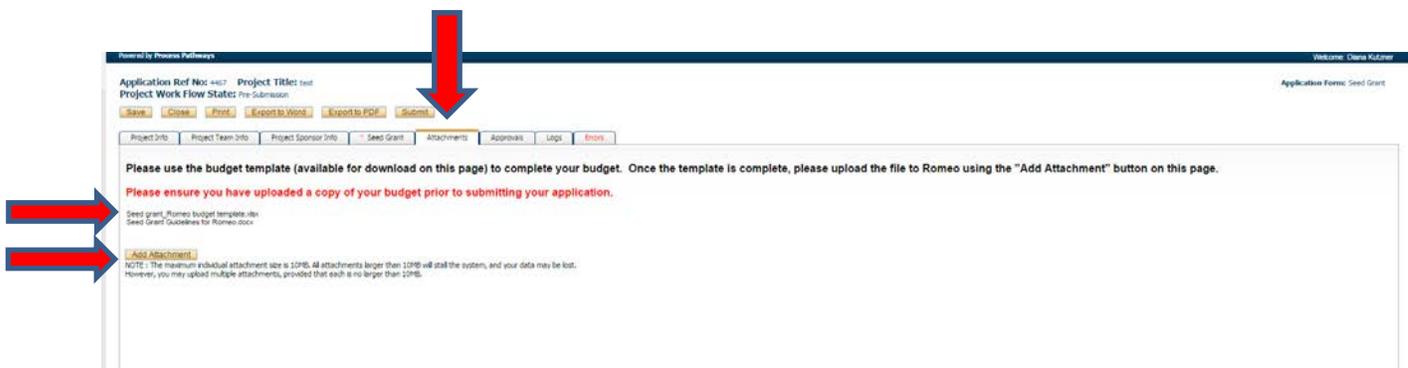
13. Next, click on the “**Administration**” tab. Answer all of the applicable questions under this tab.



14. Next, proceed to the “**Declarations**” tab. Answer all of the questions under this tab.



15. Proceed to the “**Attachments**” tab. You will see a screen similar to the one below.



This is where you can **download** and **upload** any documents essential to the application. As part of your UNBC Seed Grant application, please use this tab to upload the following:

- a. **Up-to-date curriculum vitae** (UNBC standard format).
- b. A **summary proposal** (2 pages maximum). The proposal should explicitly address how this grant will help you get external funding, and identify specific sources of external funding that will be targeted for future application.
- c. A clear **budget**, with explanation of how the difference between the Seed Grant amount (\$6000) and budget amount will be met, if budget exceeds \$6000.

Please use the **budget template** (available for download on this page) to complete your budget. Upload all required files using the "**Add Attachment**" button on this page.

**To upload your document:** begin by clicking on “**Add Attachment**” (as in the screen above).

Browse for and upload your attachment. Enter the date of submission as the **version date**. Select the type of document you are uploading (application, CV, etc.). Click on **“Add Attachment.”** Click on **“Save”** to save the information on this page.

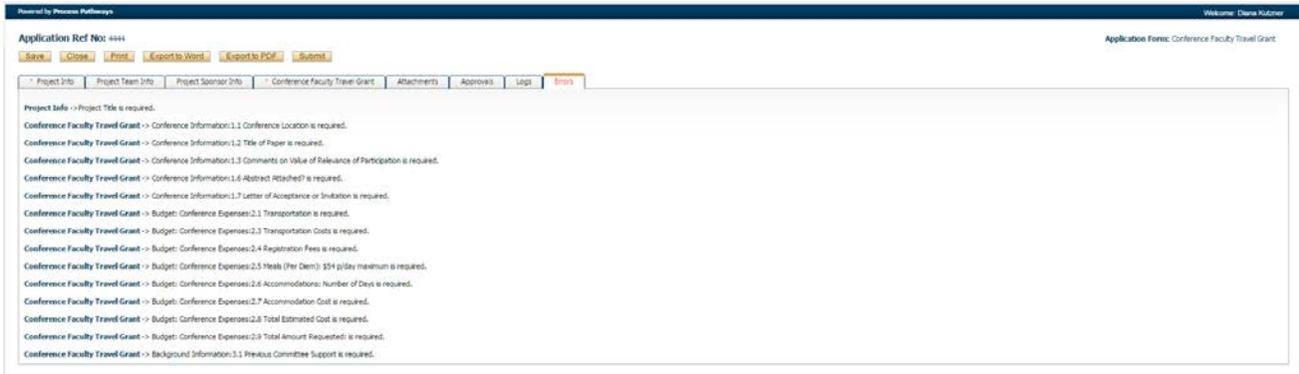
16. **“Approval”** tab. There is no information to be entered in this section. Applications are automatically routed to the next signing authority (as indicated).

Name	Active	Exceptions
Division Signing Authority	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Department Signing Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Faculty Signing Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Office of Research Services/Office of Research Ethics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

17. **“Logs”** tab. There is no information to be entered in this section. You can toggle between “Application Workflow Log” and “Application Log” to see where your application is at in the approval process and to see any log activity.

Timestamp	Activity Log	Workflow State	Workflow Message	User	Role/Group
No records to display.					

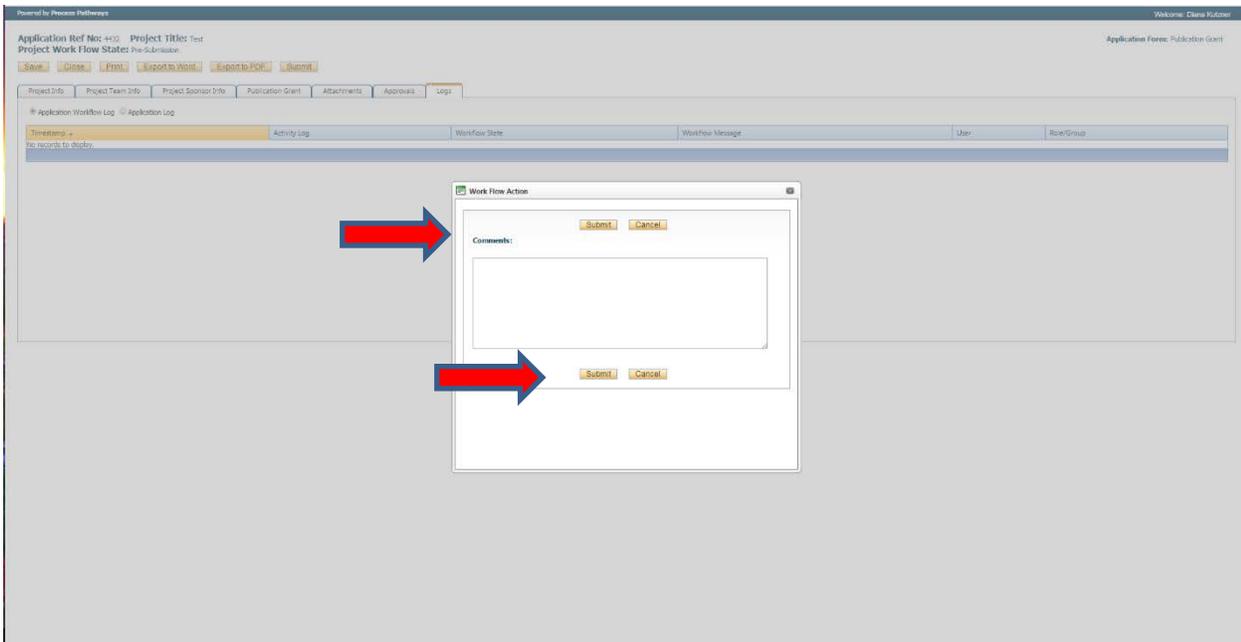
18. **“Errors”** tab. This section will show you where there are errors in your application form. All errors must be corrected before you will be able to submit your application. Once all questions have been answered and errors are cleared, you will be able to “submit” your application.



19. **Final Processes.** “Save” the information entered in your application. You can also choose to “Print,” “Export to Word,” or “Export to PDF” your application.

20. **“Submit”:** Once you click “submit”, a Work Flow Action comment box will pop up. If you have any additional comments, enter them here. If you don’t, simply type “no comment” and click “submit” in this form as comments are required.

Your application will automatically be forwarded to the next signing authority. You will receive confirming emails each time the application is forwarded and approved through the work flow. If at any time further information is required, you will receive an email indicating such.



21. At any time, you can view the status of your application a) under an individual application’s “Log” tab or b) from the Home screen, under **“Applications: Under Review.”**

