Orientation to ERS
The purpose of this module is to orient you to the purpose, features, benefits and capabilities of the Effort Reporting System (ERS).
What is the Effort Reporting System (ERS)?

ERS is an **automated tool** to enable UC to meet the reporting requirements of OMB Circular A21, Section J.10 regarding **Effort Reporting**.
What is the purpose of the Effort Reporting System?

The Effort Reporting System (ERS) documents the effort distribution for employees paid from federal and federal flow-through contracts and grants as well as for those employees whose salary is part of committed cost sharing.

With ERS, the review and certification process for effort reporting is 100% electronic; although the system has the capability to print reports for review and/or government reporting purposes.
ERS Capabilities

- Calculates distribution of effort for all employees paid from federal, federal flow-through contracts and grants.
- Allows for cost sharing information to be imported from a cost sharing system or entered by the user.
- Displays effort detail which is clear and understandable to the user.
- Provides easy to use web-based reports.
ERS Capabilities (cont’d)

- Captures certifications electronically so that the system can monitor compliance and maintain records.

- Provides a mechanism for processing corrections and re-certifying reports to enable timely updating of effort reports.

- Provides edits, notifications and reminders to assist individuals, academic department representatives and central offices.
ERS Capabilities (cont’d)

• Maintains security and access controls and make use of existing campus security so that users can access the system based on logons and passwords that are already familiar to them.

• Maintains historical information.

• Interfaces with existing campus systems to gather required information and to pass information to appropriate systems.
This concludes the Orientation to the Effort Reporting System (ERS).