

ELECTRONIC PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS (EPAF) TRAINING MANUAL

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ELECTRONIC PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS INTRODUCTION



Electronic Personnel Action Form (EPAF)



EPAFs are used to enter new or returning student workers directly into Banner.



They can also be used to make pay rate changes and terminate existing student assignments.

ROLES

Students will supply administrators with information to be entered into EPAF system.

- Institutional Work Study (IWS) Positions made available through institutional funding. Jobs vary from general office work to pre-professional opportunities. May not exceed 20 hours while classes in session/25 hours when not in session. Students must be enrolled full time.
- Federal Work Study (FWS) Available for main campus and SOM students through
 Department of Education's Federal Work Study program. Students must indicate
 desire to participate in Work Study program and show "financial need" on their
 FAFSA. Students must present Federal Work-Study Referral Form to administrator.
 Jobs provide skills and experience to assist students in career development. May
 not exceed 20 hours per week while classes in session/30 hours per week when not in
 session. Available to full- and part-time students.
- Hourly Available for main campus and SOM students and based on department funds.
- Grant-Funded Funding received from Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP).

Administrators will enter information into EPAF link on the Banner Employee Dashboard and send any required information to the Human Resources department. NOTE: If administrator entering the EPAF in NOT responsible for student's timesheet, contact Payroll Services so they can set up in Web Time Entry accordingly. Do not use the **Notes** section in EPAF to communicate this.

Proxy - All secretaries should be trained in the EPAF process so that they can be backup for absent administrators. The proxy cannot see the EPAF created by another administrator; however, they will be able to enter new EPAFs during the administrator's absence.

Approvers - HR will review information entered into EPAF and once all mandatory documentation is received through the HireTech link (I9, W4, I9 documentation), either approve or disapprove.

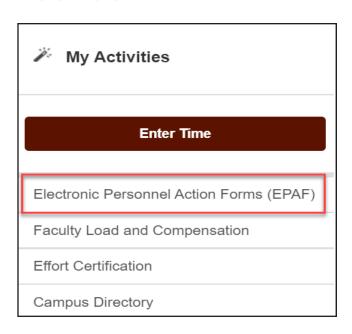
- Approvals will be processed twice a day. You can email the Budget office to get the correct position number if needed.
- Once approved and the Job Begin Date is reached, student will be active in Banner.
- OSP must approve the funding of the Grant-Funded students and they will provide position number. Email OSP to obtain position number if needed.



DOCUMENTATION

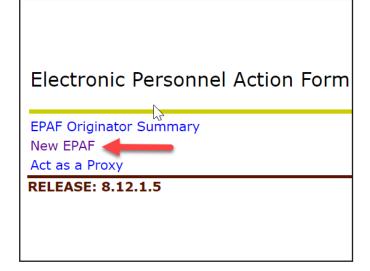
All forms necessary to complete the EPAF process are available at https://sites.rowan.edu/hr/recruitment and staffing/student forms.html. There is also a **Student Employment**Worksheet available for administrators' use only (used to document student information prior to entering into system). This will NOT be turned into HR or Payroll.

ACCESS EPAF VIA EMPLOYEE DASHBOARD



- Log in to the Employee Dashboard.
- Select the Electronic Personnel Action Forms (EPAF) link under My Activities.
- If you do not see the EPAF link under My Activities, email hr@ rowan.edu to obtain access. You must include your Banner ID in the email.

- You will be brought to the EPAF menu.
- To enter in New Assignments, Change Assignments or to Terminate an Assignment, you will select New EPAF.

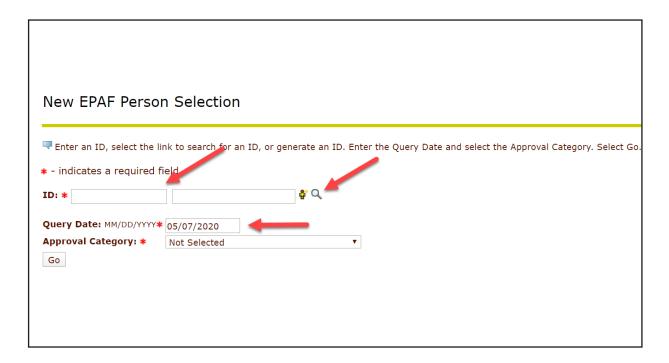


NEW STUDENTS

New students are students who have **NEVER** worked in any capacity at Rowan University.



Select New EPAF



You will be prompted to enter an **ID**. If you know the Banner ID of the student, enter it into the field and then tab. Leave the **Query Date** as today's date.





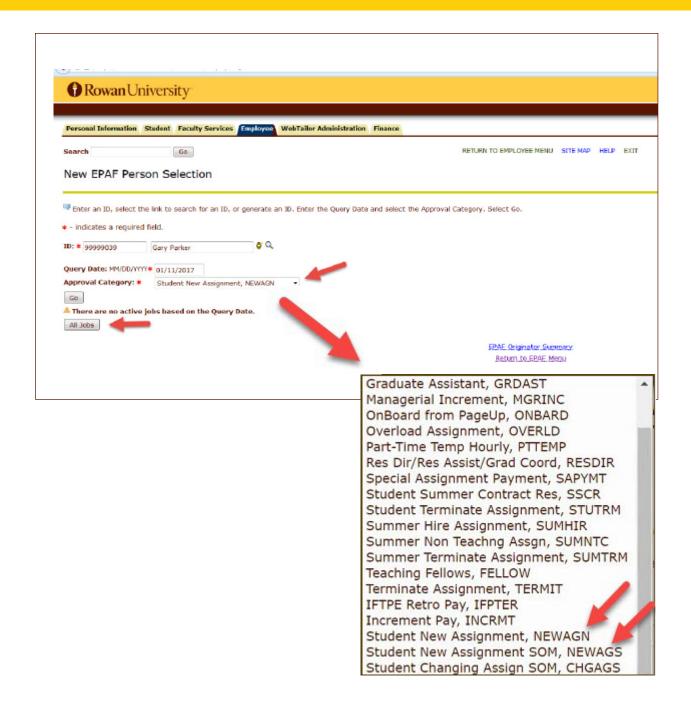
If you do not know the Banner ID of the student, or want to make sure you have the correct student, you can select the Search Icon and search by **Last Name, First Name, Banner ID** or **Social Security Number**.

Select Go.



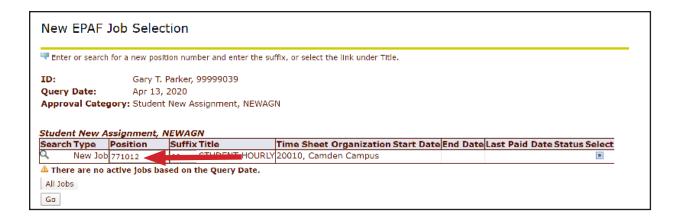
Then select the hyperlink to the **ID** of the correct student.

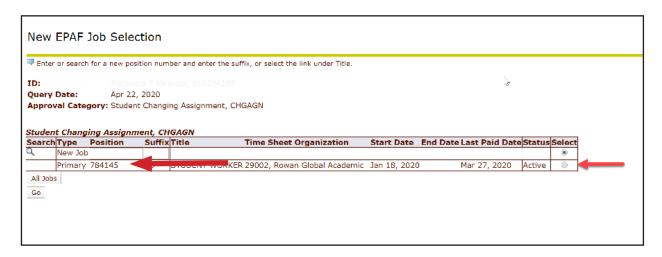


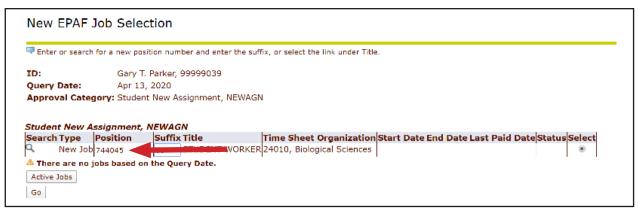


The Student ID, Name and Query Date will pre-populate. Select Student New Assignment, NEWAGN or Student New Assignment SOM NEWAGS for SOM students from the Approval Category drop down.

IMPORTANT: Select **All Jobs** to view any previous jobs. There should not be any active or terminated jobs listed there. If there are, select **Student Changing Assignment CHGAGN** or **Student Changing Assign SOM CHGAGS** instead (follow those directions below).





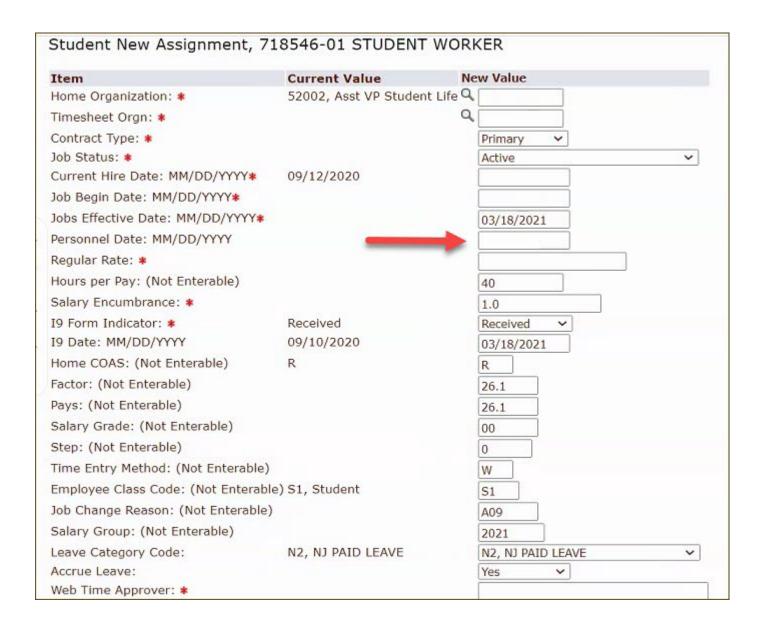


Enter in the **Position Number** and **Suffix**. The **Suffix** will always be 00.

Based on the **Position Number** and **Suffix** you enter, the correct job type will autofill. (Federal Work Study, Hourly or Institutional Work Study).

Select Go.





The student's new job information page will appear. You must enter in the information in the fields marked with an *.

Enter in the Home and Timesheet ORGN.

Contract Type (Primary 1st, if error, Secondary).

Active **Job Status**.

Current Hire Date. Must be beginning of **CURRENT PAY PERIOD**.

Job Begin Date: Must be beginning of CURRENT PAY PERIOD.

Job Effective Date: Must be beginning of CURRENT PAY PERIOD.

Personnel Date: ONLY USE IF actual start date PRIOR TO CURRENT PAY

PERIOD. Make sure to enter 1st day of actual pay period here.

Salary Encumbrance: Always 1.0 unless FWS position. The hiring department will then obtain that particular award amount from the Financial Aid office.

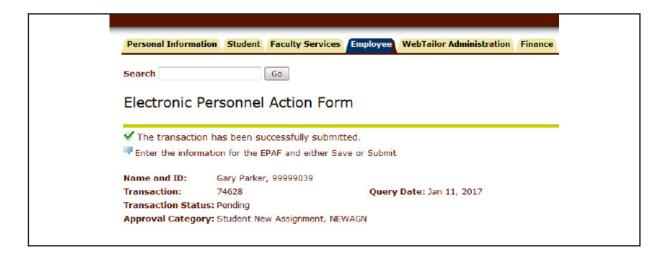
19 Date should be the first day of the pay period in which the student started.

Web Time Approver: Find and select the student's Web Time Entry approver.

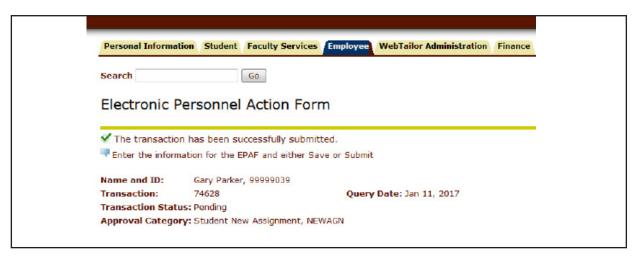
Comment Can enter the name and extension of the supervisor of the employee, **Save**.

NOTE: Dates MUST be entered in MM/DD/YYYY format or will create error

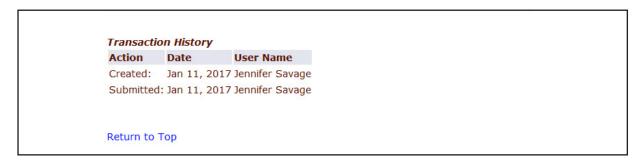




If you entered all of the data correctly, you will get the message **Your change was saved successfully**.



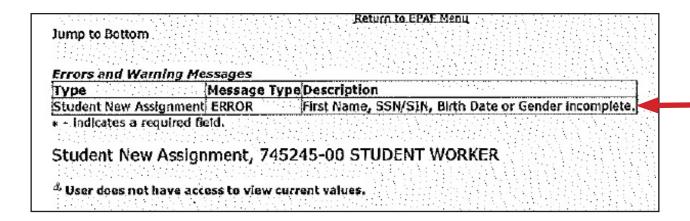
Select the **Submit** button and you will receive another message **The transaction has been successfully submitted**.



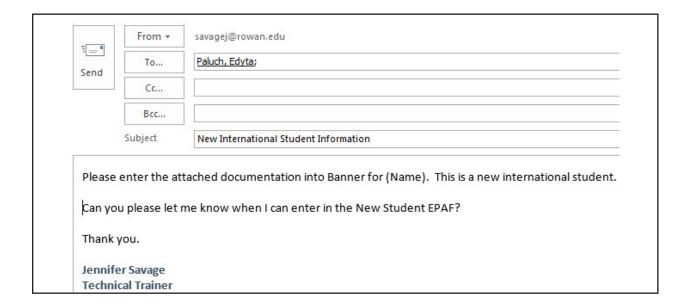
The **transaction history** on the bottom of the page will show the user name of the person who created and submitted the EPAF as well as the dates.



NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



When entering a new, international student, you may receive an error message: **First Name, SSN/SIN, Birth Date or Gender Incomplete**. This is an indication that all of the student's basic information is not entered into Banner yet.

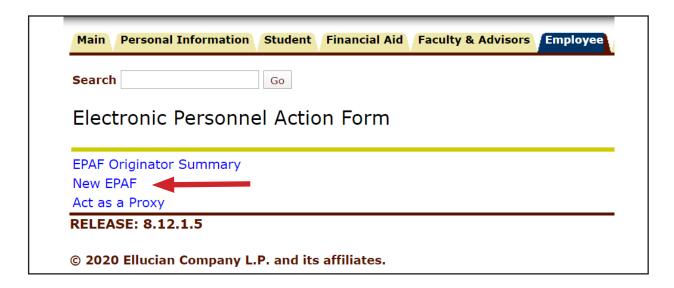


You will need to scan and email Edyta Paluch (paluch@rowan.edu) a copy of the student's SS card, visa and passport, asking Edyta to enter the information and notify you when you can go back in and enter a **New Student EPAF**.

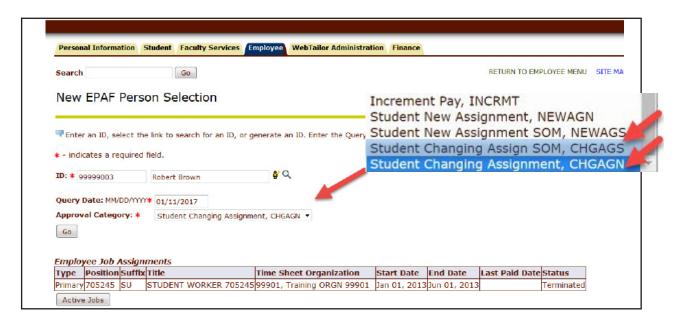


STUDENT CHANGE ASSIGNMENTS

If a student has ever been paid through the work study program, they are considered a **Returning Student**. They should either let you know, or when you try and enter as a New Student, their former **Employee Job Assignments** will show up.



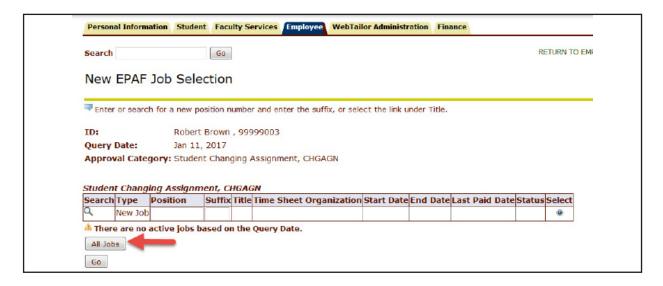
To access the **Student Changing Assignment**, you will still select **New EPAF**.



Enter their ID or Name, then Student Change Assignment CHGAGN or Student Changing Assign SOM CHGAGS from the Approval Category drop-down menu. Go.

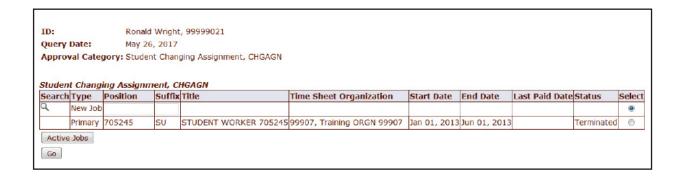


ENTERING STUDENT CHANGES



Select **All Jobs** to see all active jobs. Then select **Go**. If no active jobs, you will receive message **There are no active jobs based on the Query Date**.

Select **All Jobs** again to show previous jobs.

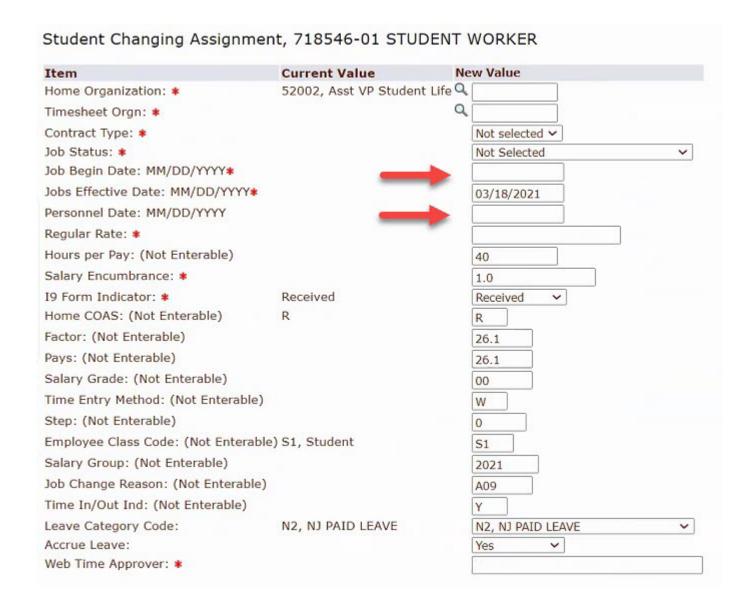


Either select the previous job if you want to re-instate that same **Position** and **Organization**, or select the **New Job** and enter in the **Position** and **Suffix**.

Select Go.



ENTERING STUDENT CHANGES



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The student's **Changing Assignment** page will appear.

If this is a job that is being reinstated, the previous values display under **Current Value**. You must re-enter in the information under **New Value** in the fields marked with an *.

The **Job Begin Date** should be the **ORIGINAL** begin date, (Listed under New Value--this was the first day of the ORIGINAL pay period).

The **Job Effective Date** should be the new date (first day of CURRENT pay period).

The **Personnel Date**: **ONLY USE IF** actual start date **PRIOR TO CURRENT PAY PERIOD**. Make sure to enter 1st day of actual pay period here.

NOTE: A new 1-9 Form Indicator will only be required if it has been more than 3 years since employment.

Web Time Approver: Select and enter the Web Time Entry approver.

Select Save.

If this is not a reinstated job, but a **NEW Change Student Assignment** (a new assignment for a returning student worker), then you will enter in the new job information and there will not be values under **Current Value**.

Search Go	RETURN TO EMPLOYEE MENU SITE MAP HELP EXIT
Electronic Personnel Action Form	
✓ The transaction has been successfully submitted.	
Enter the information for the EPAF and either Save or Submit	
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Transaction: 74089 Query Date: Dec 15, 2016	
Transaction Status: Pending Approval Category: Student Changing Assignment, CHGAGN	
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Select **Submit** and you should get the message: **The transaction has been successfully submitted**.



PAY RATE CHANGES

You can make pay rate changes to ACTIVE student assignments through **Student Changing Assignment**.

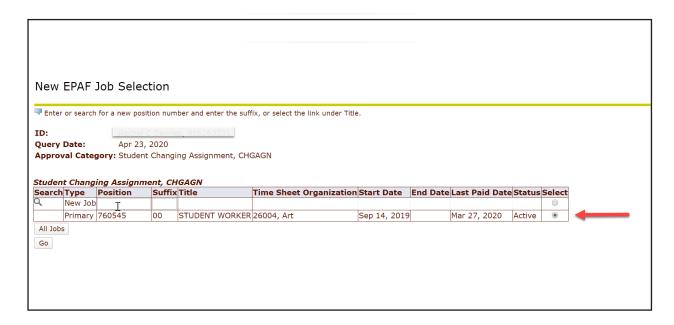


To access the **Student Changing Assignment**, you will still select **New EPAF**.

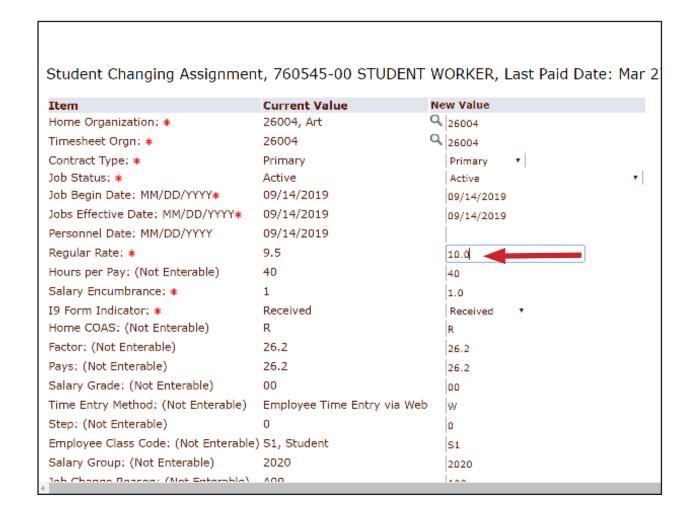


Enter their **ID** or Name, then **Student Change Assignment, CHGAGN**, from the **Approval Category** drop-down menu. **Go**.

ACTIVE ASSIGNMENT CHANGES



A list of the student's active jobs should display. Select the active job, then **Go**.





ADJUSTED FWS FUNDS

The student's **Changing Assignment** page will appear.

The previous values display under **Current Value**. You must re-enter in the information under **New Value** in the fields marked with an *.

You will enter in the new rate under **Regular Rate**, **New Value**. The pay rate may be changed under the same **Job Effective Date**, as long as it is during that current pay period. If it is not within the current pay period, enter the first day of the correct pay period in the **Job Effective Date** and the date the change started in the **Personnel Date** field.

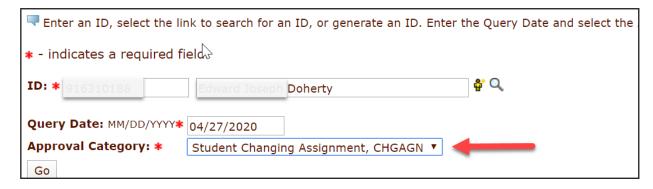
Select Save.

Select **Submit** and you should get the message: **The transaction has been successfully submitted**.

ADJUSTED FWS FUNDS



To access the **Student Changing Assignment**, you will still select **New EPAF**.



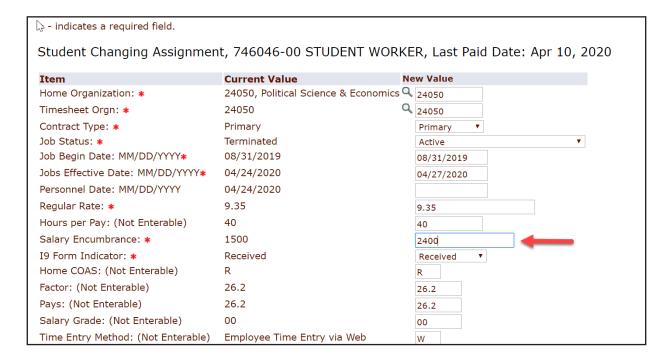
Enter their **ID** or Name, then **Student Change Assignment, CHGAGN**, from the **Approval Category** drop-down menu. **Go**.



ADJUSTED FWS FUNDS



FWS funds can be adjusted for either an active or terminated FWS job assignment. If it is an active assignment, select it on the **New EPAF Job Selection** page. If it is a terminated assignment, select the **All Jobs** button, then select the terminated assignment. Select **Go**.



The student's **Changing Assignment** page will appear.

The previous values display under **Current Value**. You must re-enter in the information under **New Value** in the fields marked with an *.

You will enter in the new amount under **Salary Encumbrance**, Select **Save**.

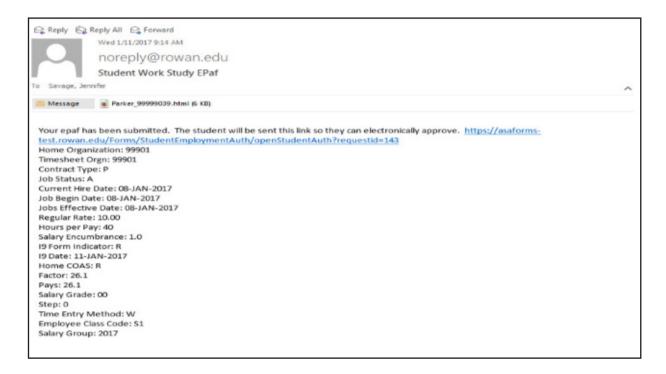
Select **Submit** and you should get the message: **The transaction has been successfully submitted**.



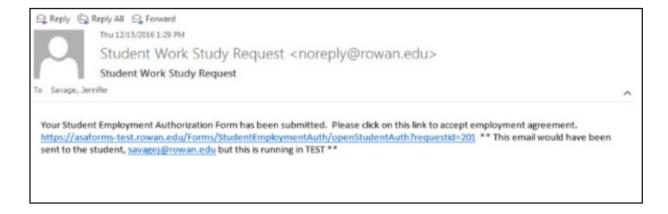
EMAILS

Once the EPAF has been successfully submitted, several emails will be automatically generated in the system.

The administrator that entered the EPAF will receive the following email:



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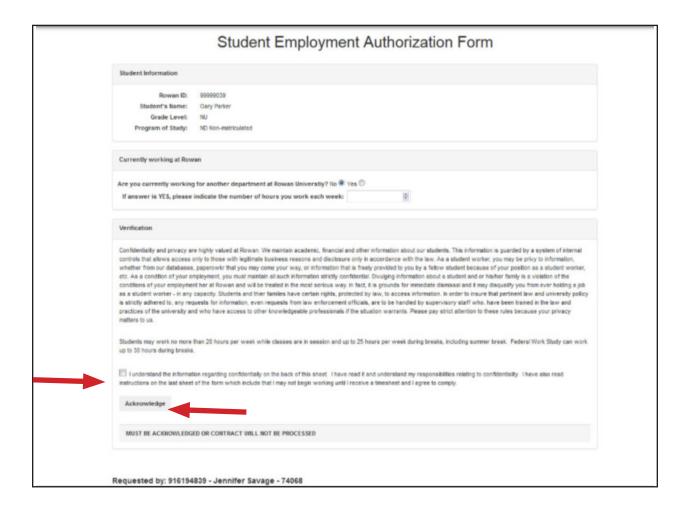
IMPORTANT: The student MUST read and select the link in the email.



EMAILS

When the student clicks on the link embedded in the email, they will be directed to their **Student Authorization Form**. They will need to confirm their information listed at the top, indicate if they are currently working in another department at Rowan University, and if they are, will need to indicate how many hours.

Once the student reads the verification information, they need to check the **I understand** box and then select **Acknowledge** (this will be their electronic signature).



IMPORTANT: If student does not open and acknowledge the **Student Authorization Form** in their email, the Approver will NOT be able to approve the request. The request will be stuck in PENDING status (see PENDING information below). The student will receive the email three times per week for two weeks.



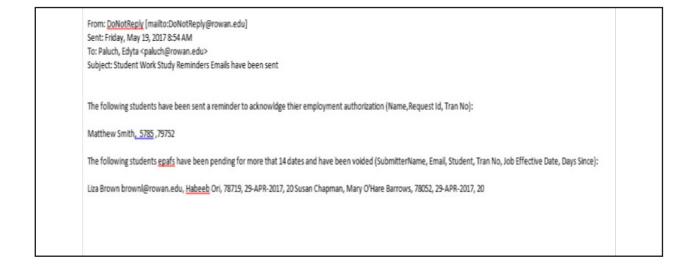
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Once the student reviews and accepts their **Student Authorization Form**, the approver will receive the following email:



If the student has not read and accepted their Student Authorization Form, you will receive the following email PLUS

If an EPAF has been pending for 14 days, the approver will VOID the request and you will receive this email informing you.



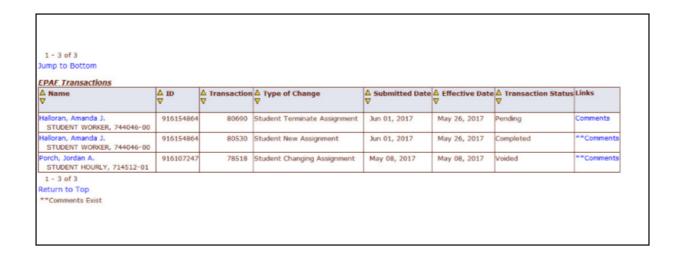
ORIGINATOR SUMMARY

You must go to the EPAF Originator Summary to check the transaction status of any submitted EPAF. There is a **Current** and **History** tab so you can view past transactions as well as current ones.

Emails will also be sent to students and you if EPAFs are stuck in Pending status (see below).



Once you view your current or past transactions, you can view the status (Pending-- either awaiting approval or awaiting student acceptance), see if there are comments and other transaction information. You can select the student's name to enter into the EPAF to get more detail or select the **Comments** hyperlink to enter or view comments already made.



RETURN FOR CORRECTION

If there is an error in the EPAF submission, the approver will send back a Return for Correction email to you. Depending on the error, you will have specific actions to take to fix the error.



Return for Correction/Edit Information: If the error is something like you did not enter the beginning of a pay period date or entered a personnel date when one was not needed, you can go to the EPAF Originator Summary, select the Student Name hyperlink, then select the **UPDATE** link at the bottom of the page.

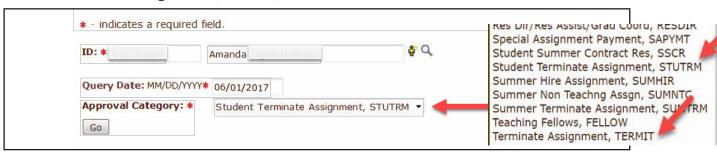


Return for Correction/Void and Resubmit: If you receive an email saying that you entered a New Student Request instead of a Change Student Request, you will need to void and resubmit a new Change Student Request. You will go to the EPAF Originator Summary, select the Student Name hyperlink, then the **Void** button on the top or bottom of the page. Then you will need to submit a new Change Student Request (see directions above).

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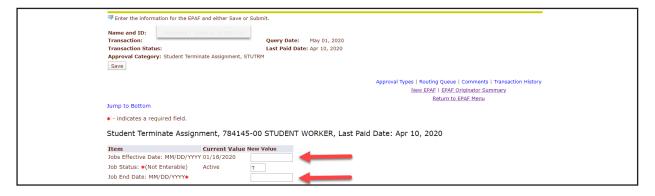
There is also a selection for you to utilize in the EPAF Approval Category drop down menu: Student Terminate Assignment (STUTRM).



You will select **New EPAF**, enter the student's Banner ID, tab to enter in the name and then select **Student Terminate Assignment STUTRM** or **Terminate Assignment TERMIT** for SOM. Select **Go**.



The student's active job should show on the bottom of the screen (or select **All Jobs** to see past jobs). Select the position you want to terminate, then select **Go**.

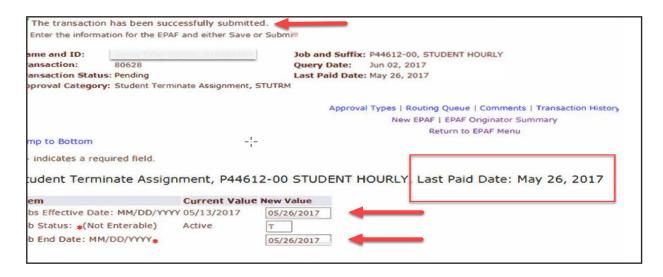


You will be brought to the **EPAF Student Terminate Assignment Form**. You will be required to enter in the **Job Effective Date** and the **Job End Date**. Both dates MUST be the last day of the CURRENT PAY PERIOD. Do NOT use the **Current Value** listed for the Job Effective Date.

The **Job Status** will automatically be entered as **T** (for Terminate).



STUDENT TERMINATE ASSIGNMENT



IMPORTANT: The **Jobs Effective Date** and the **Job End Date** MUST be the same date.

The **Jobs Effective Date** and the **Job End Date** MUST be the last day of the CURRENT pay period.

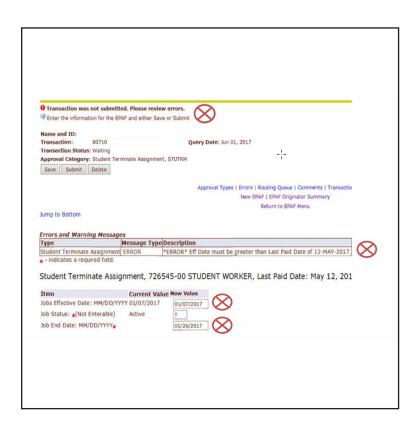
Once the correct required information has been entered, select **Save** and **Submit**. You will receive a message that they were saved and submitted successfully.

IMPORTANT:

You will receive an error if you use the **Current Value** for the **Job Effective Date.**

You will receive an error if the **Effective Date** is less than the **Last Paid Date**.

The EPAF will be returned for correction if you are not using the last day of the Current pay period.





CONCLUSION

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The **Electronic Personnel Action Forms (EPAF)** system allows administrators to easily enroll new and returning student workers directly into Self Service Banner. Administrators can also make changes to the EPAFs and terminate assignments directly within Banner. The process is further enhanced by the electronic notification and approval system utilized by administrators, students and approvers. The system will reduce the steps and paperwork needed to complete this process, making it more efficient and easier to complete.

All forms and calendars relating to the EPAF system are located on https://sites.rowan.edu/hr/recruitment_and_staffing/index.html website. Any questions or concerns can be directed to support@rowan.edu.

