Renewed My Research Applications & Agreements (MRA)

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- Q&A

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Tools for Faculty Members: When to Use What

Funding Opportunities

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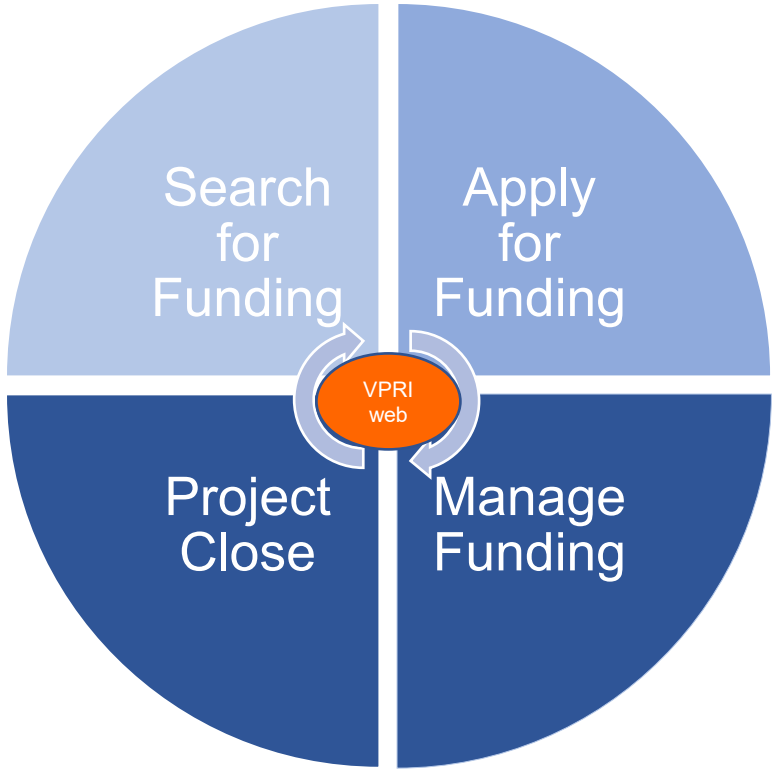

My Research Applications & Agreements (MRA)

My Research Animal Protocol (MRAP)

My Research Human Protocol (MRHP)

My Research On Line (MROL)

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When to use MRA: Funding Applications

Before submitting a research funding application to a sponsor, a Principal Investigator (PI) must secure **University approval** for the proposal through the **funding applications** section of the My Research Application & Agreements (MRA) system

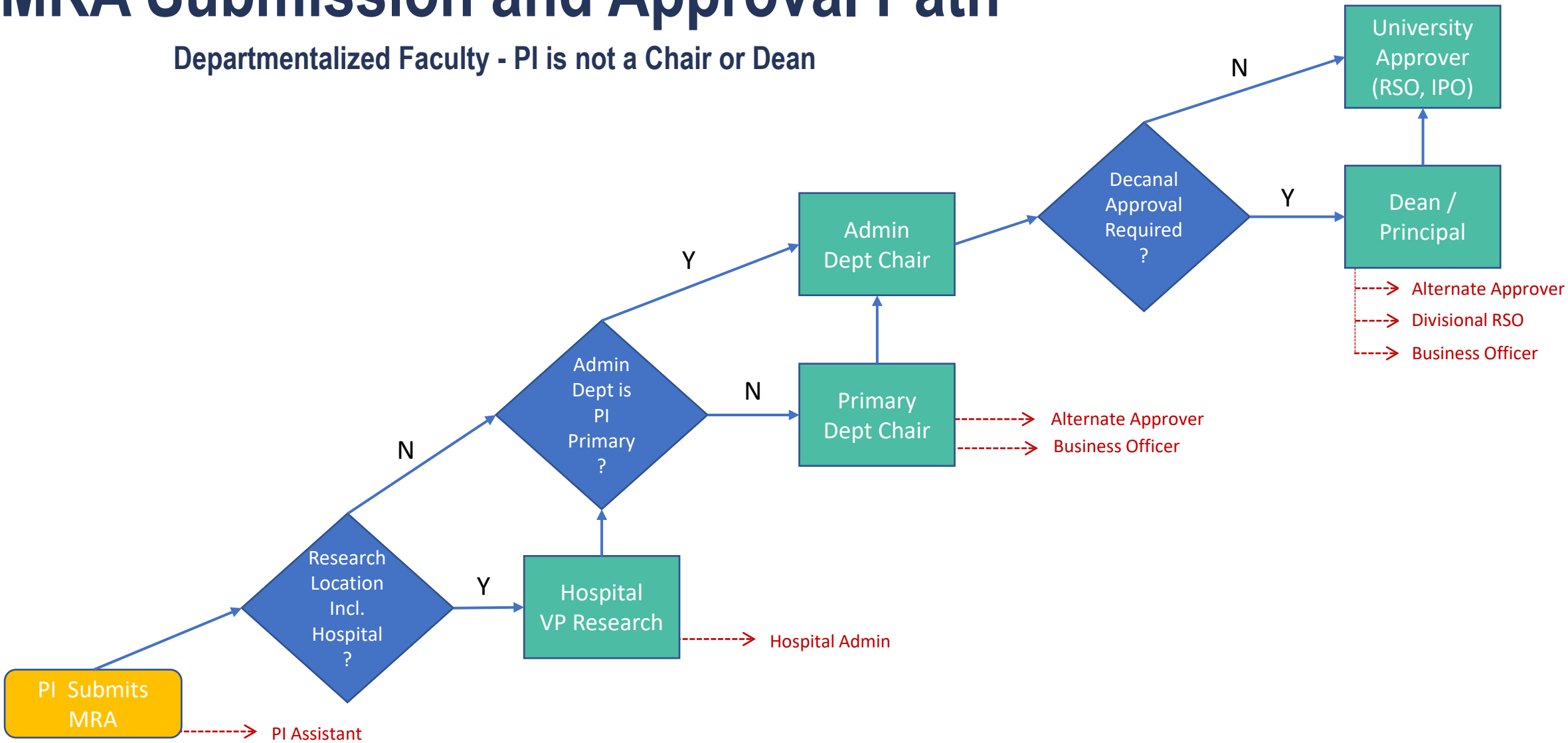
How MRA works

- an automated system for internal review and endorsement of research funding applications
- essential information regarding the application flows through a defined electronic review and approval process

- went live in the summer of 2013, replacing the old “Blue Form” paper process
- over 28,000 MRA records have been submitted
- renewal launched Aug 30th, 2021
  - new vs legacy (old) system

MRA Submission and Approval Path

Departmentalized Faculty - PI is not a Chair or Dean



Escalation factors (for departmentalized faculties)

Label on Approval Screen	Description
Increased Utility	Proposed equipment purchases require new/increased utility/renovation or construction costs
Increased Space	Project requires additional space not presently under PI's control
Renovation	Construction or renovation is involved in this project
Teaching	Project requires/requests teaching release
Direct Cost	Proposal involves a contribution by the University to the direct costs
Foreign Sponsor	Sponsor is non-Canadian
Decanal Approval	All applications to this program are reviewed by Dean/Principal
Std IDC Rate Not Met	Indirect costs budget entered by the PI is less than the industry standard
Req Amt Threshold Exceeded	Individual program amount requested is 750K or more
Total Req Amt Threshold Exceeded	Sum of program amounts requested is 750K or more
International Partner	PI will be engaging with an International Partner in their research

Up from 500K

NEW!

What's changed?

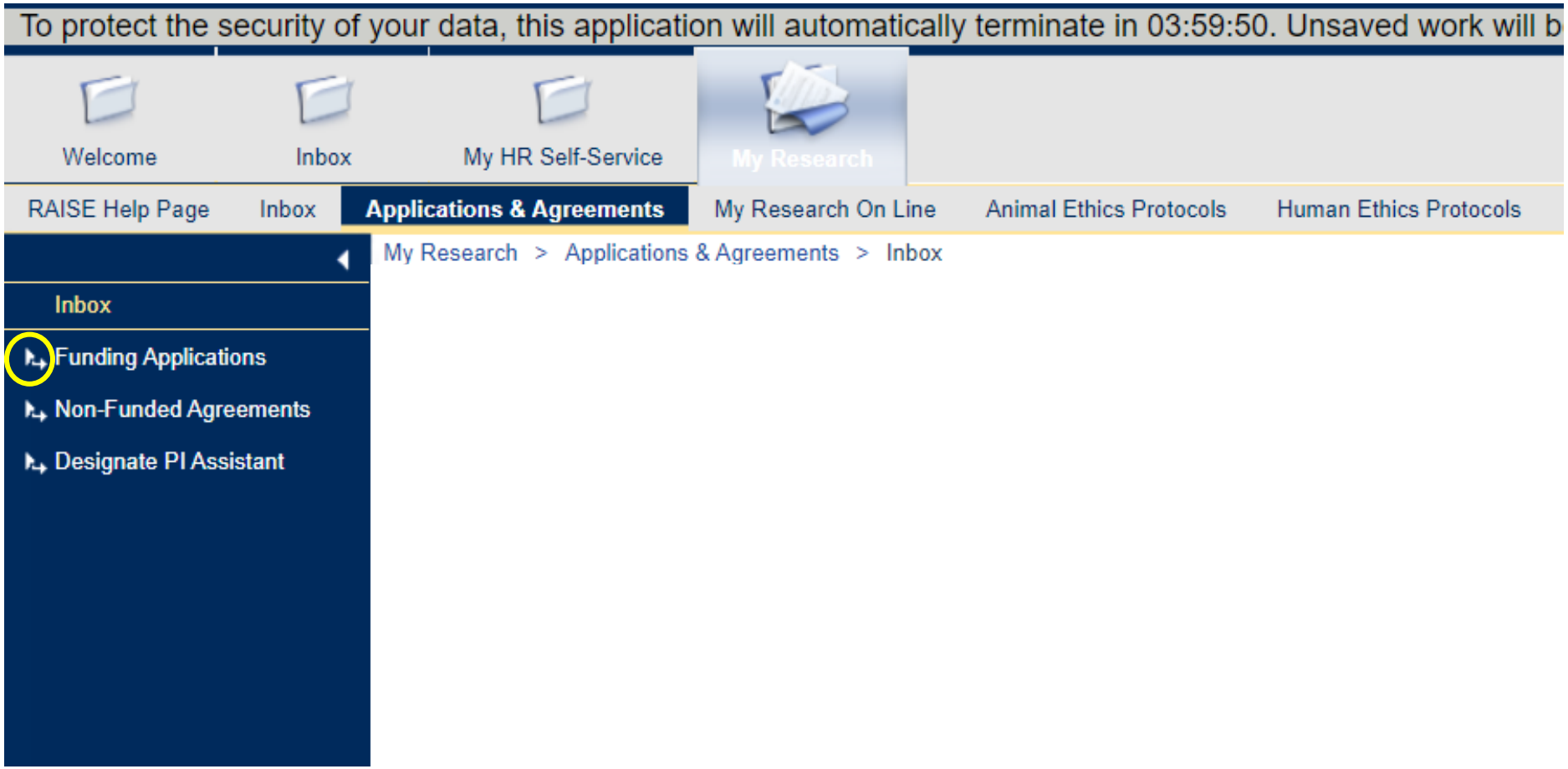
- Modernized user interface and improved navigation
  - ✓ Removed double scroll bars
  - ✓ Streamlined layout and removed subsections
- Simplified the application form and added new functionalities
  - ✓ Removed certain questions from the form
  - ✓ Improved validations that check the MRA and show users which fields are incomplete before submitting
- Improved support features
  - ✓ "Contact Help Desk" button lets users contact the RAISE Help Desk directly for support
  - ✓ Built-in page help videos on every screen

Important information on the transition period

- The legacy MRA system will remain temporarily available
- MRA users will need to access applications in two different ways in the MR portal depending on when they were created.

For applications that PIs...	What do PIs do?
Created but haven't submitted **before August 28th**	Complete & submit on legacy MRA system
Plan to start **on/after August 30th**	Create & submit on renewed MRA system

Accessing the renewed and legacy MRA Systems



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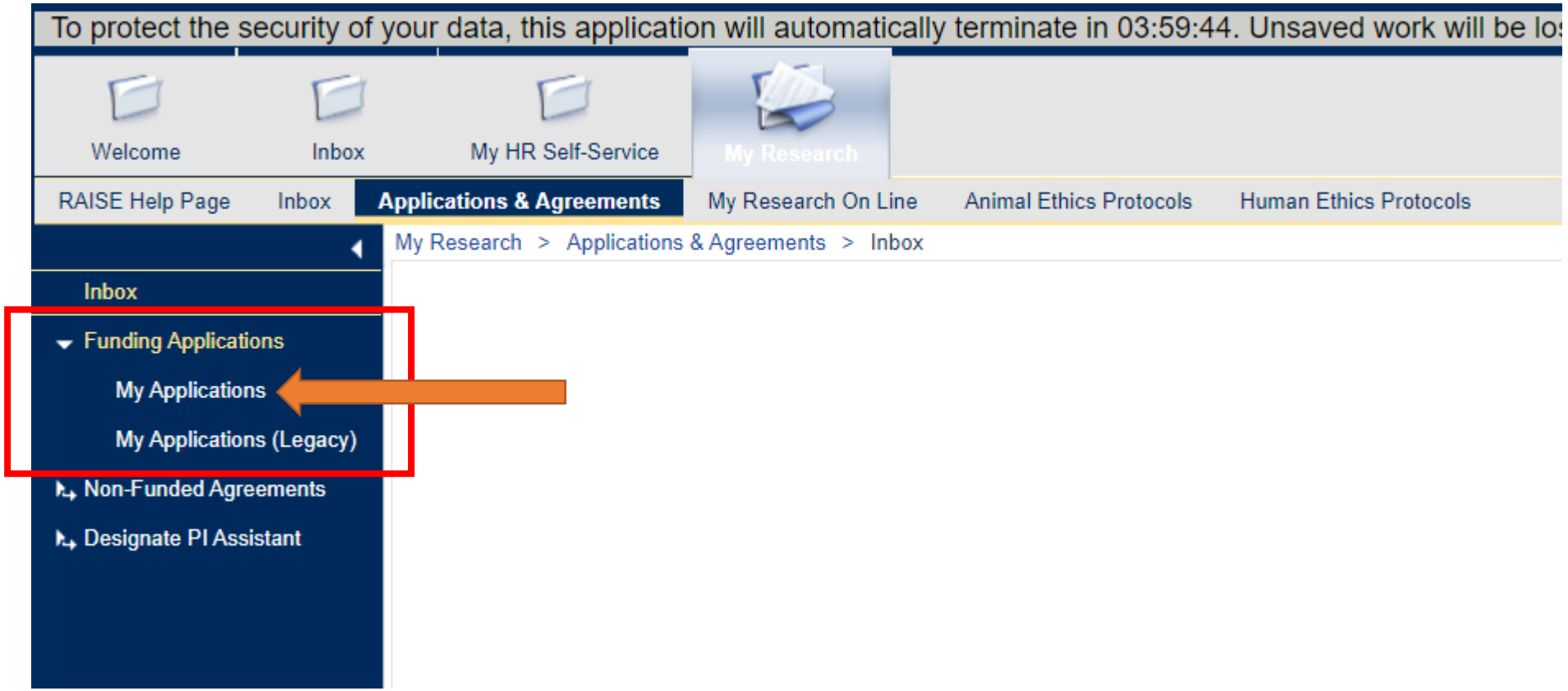

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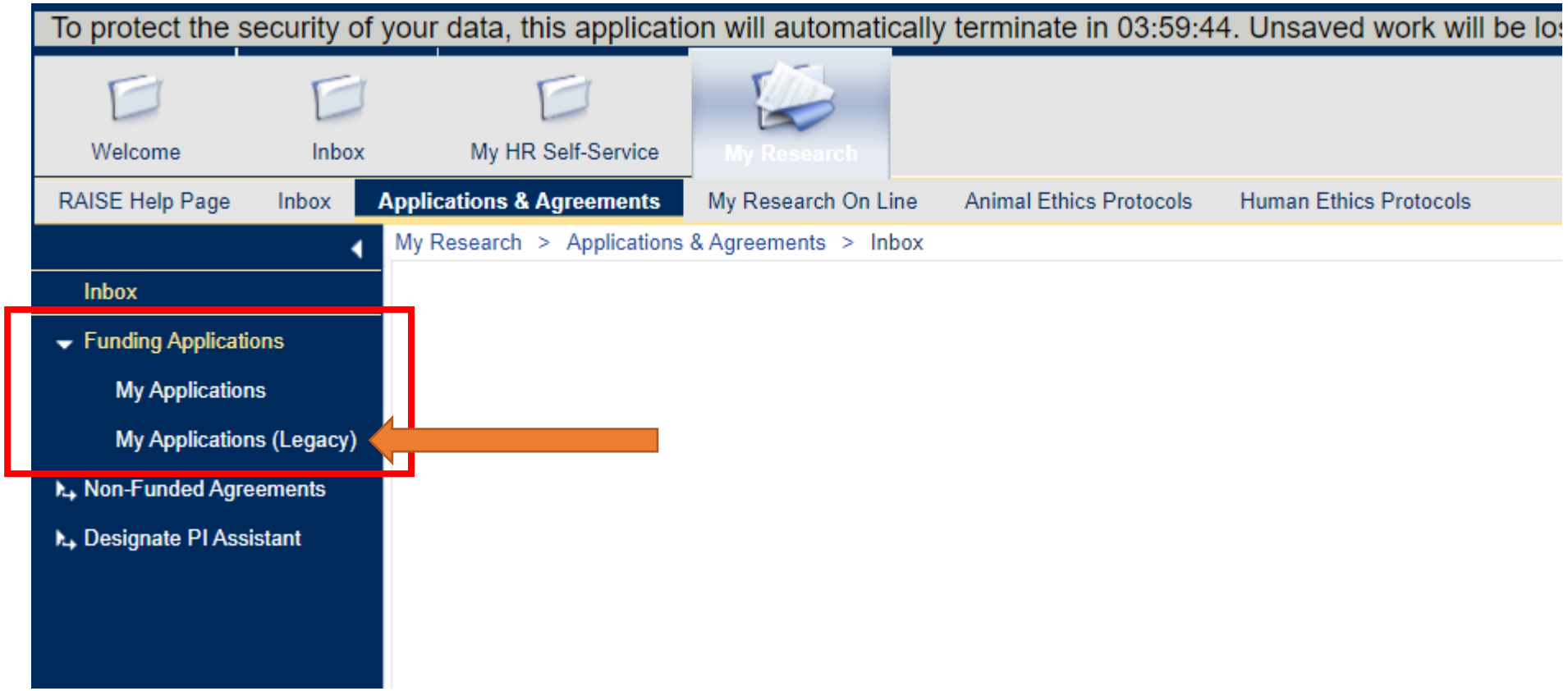

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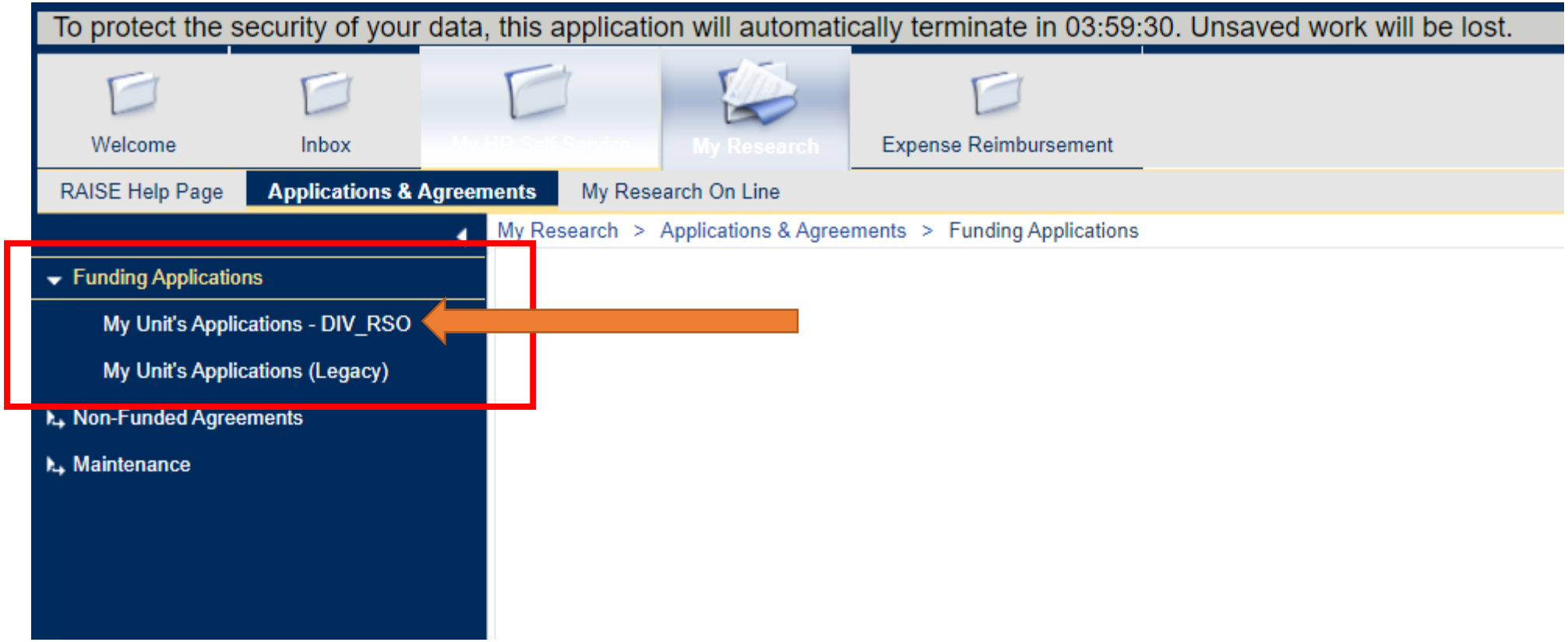

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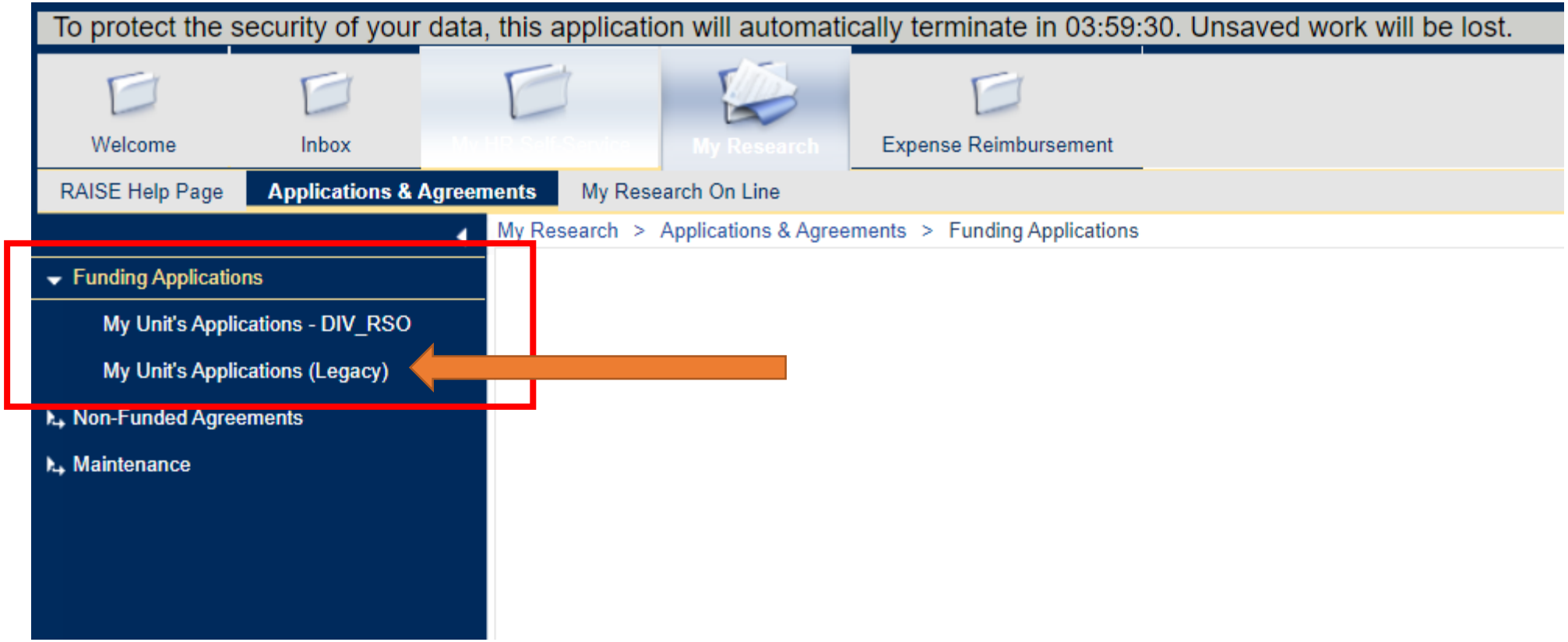

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- Migration of all previous applications to the renewed system will take place in the following weeks.
- Once migration is complete, the legacy system will be taken offline.
- Additional details and information on the timeline will be widely communicated.

Renewed MRA System Demo

See Video for Demo

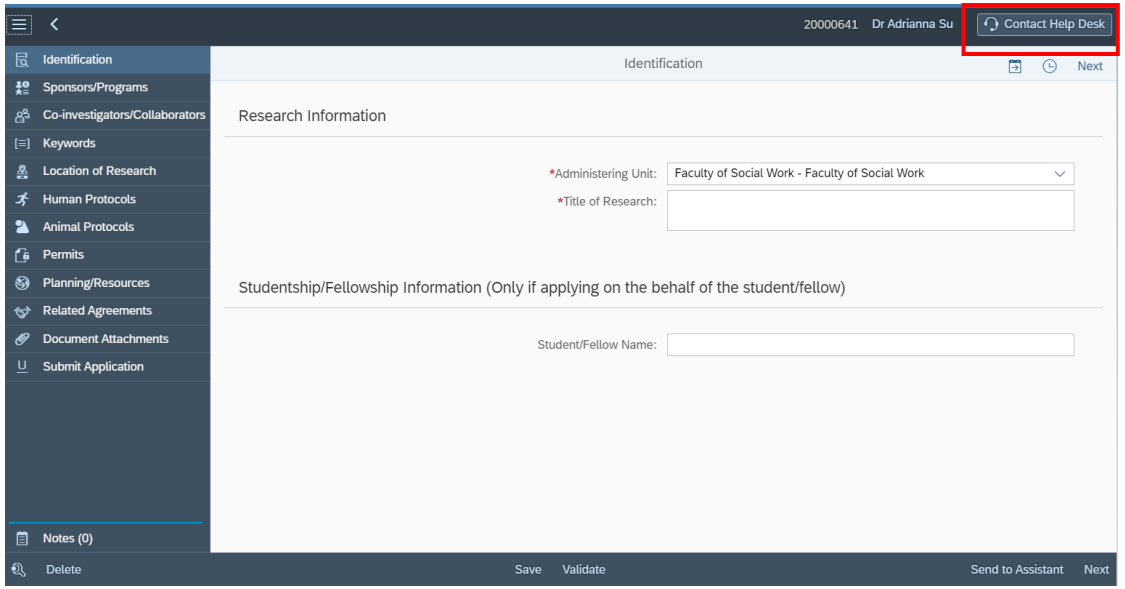
Resources for help & support

- **RAISE Help Desk** is available from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday .

Phone: 416 946-5000

Email: raise@utoronto.ca

- **“Contact Help Desk” button** gets PIs directly in touch with the RAISE Help Desk



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- A new and detailed **user guide, help videos, and tip sheets** on the MRA webpage.

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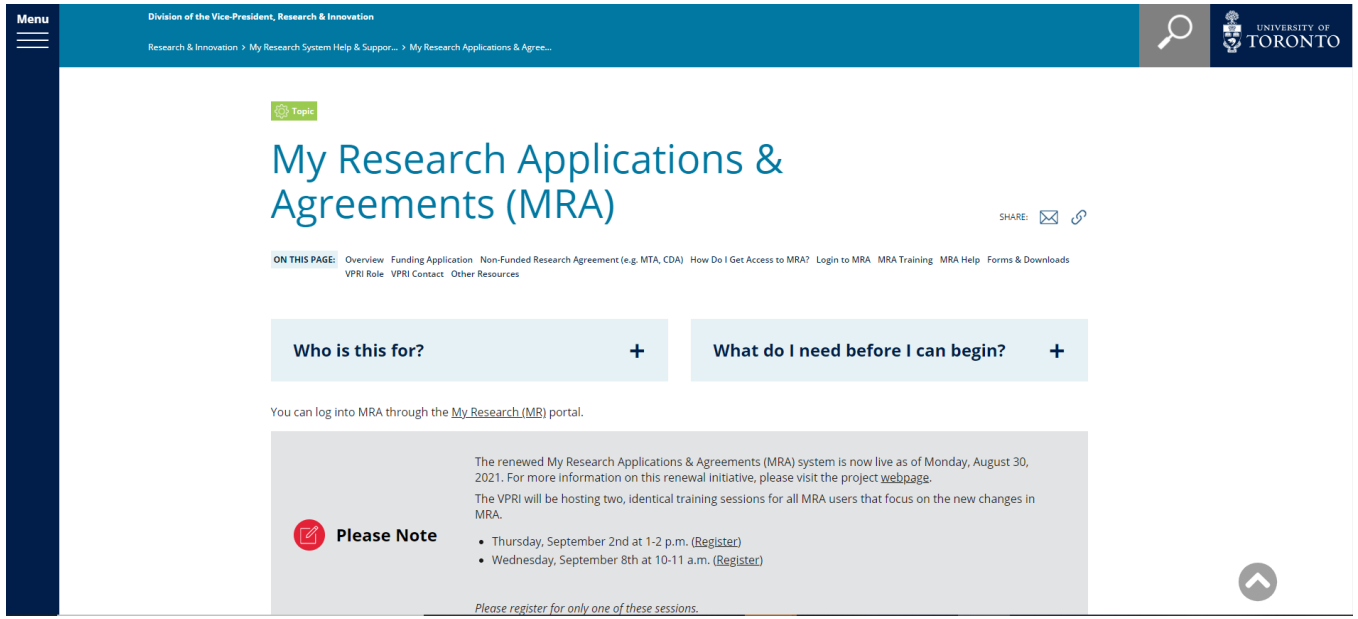

Questions?