# IPTS Proposal Preparation Procedure

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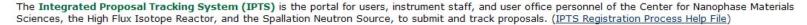
Welcome to this guide to the Integrated Proposal Tracking System, used by the Neutron Sciences Directorate at Oak Ridge National Laboratory to accept and process proposals submitted by users for beam time at the High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR) and the Spallation Neutron Source (SNS).

This guide will allow you to:

- View the mechanics of the proposal system without having to register
- See the format of the proposal, and the information required before you start your proposal creation
- View the guidelines for the Statement of Research (SoR) required in the proposal preparation

To enter the actual <u>Integrated Proposal Tracking System (IPTS)</u> web page, click on the hyperlink. The following page will appear.

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#### Safety:

Safe operations and practices are integral to the ORNL mission, as practiced in the Integrated Safety Management System. A user must agree to adhere to all relevant safety requirements and to complete all user training deemed necessary by a given facility.

## **User Agreements:**

Certain agreements must be established between UT-Battelle (UTB), the manager of ORNL for USDOE, and the institutions of users of these facilities:

- Master Agreement between UTB and the user's institution
- Appendix A to the Master Agreement, between these facilities and the user's institution

(The NScD User Office and UTB Office of Technology Transfer will initiate preparation of these agreements for approved proposals, if the agreements do not already exist.)

#### Intent to Publish:

As a condition for performing nonproprietary research at these facilities, the U. S. Department of Energy requires users to publish results from their research. Authorship of publications based on research from these facilities should reflect the normal considerations of recognizing collaborations. It is also important to take into account the considerable efforts of the instrument scientists in their role of designing, constructing, and/or operating the instrument and related facilities. Results are typically published in peer-reviewed journals, proceedings, or presentations at technical conferences. Proprietary users are not required to publish.

Each facility [either HFIR or SNS or both] used should be acknowledged with this required statement:

[A portion of] This Research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory's High Flux Isotope Reactor [and/or Spallation Neutron Source, as appropriate] was sponsored by the Scientific User Facilities Division, Office of Basic Energy Sciences, U. S. Department of Energy.

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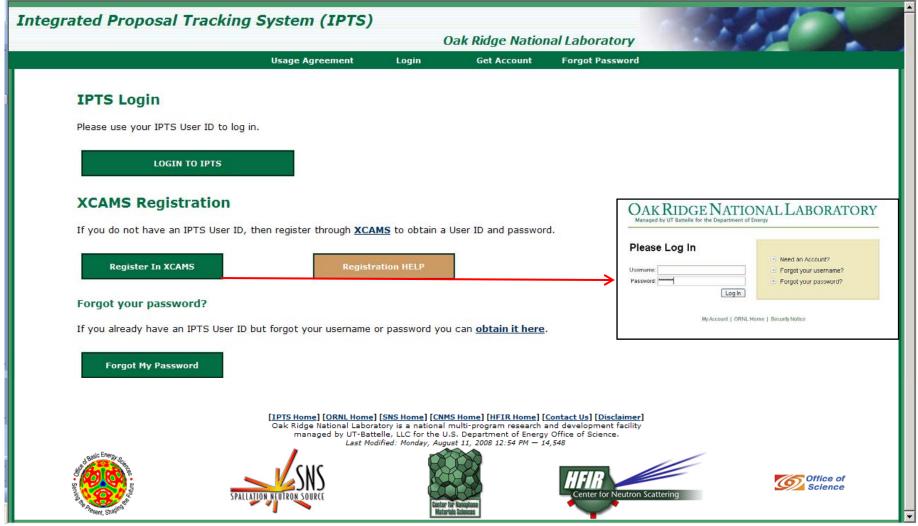






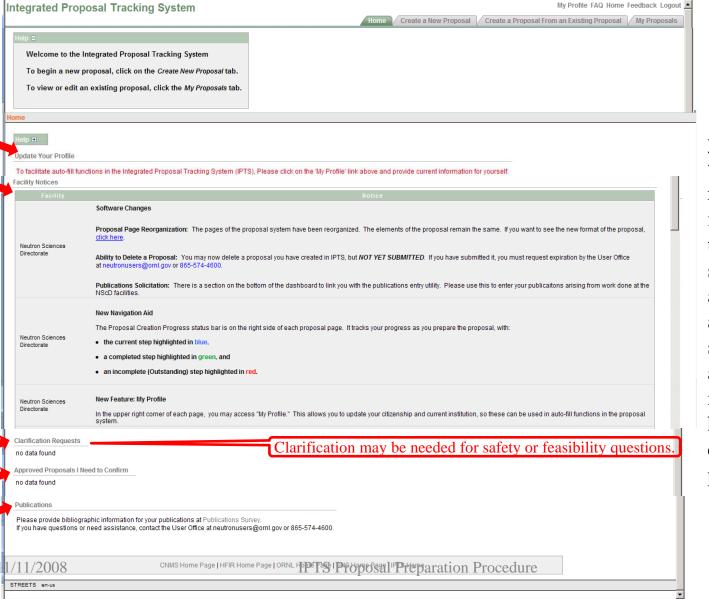
If you have never used the IPTS before, you must click the button labeled Register in

XCAMS. You will get a log-in window.



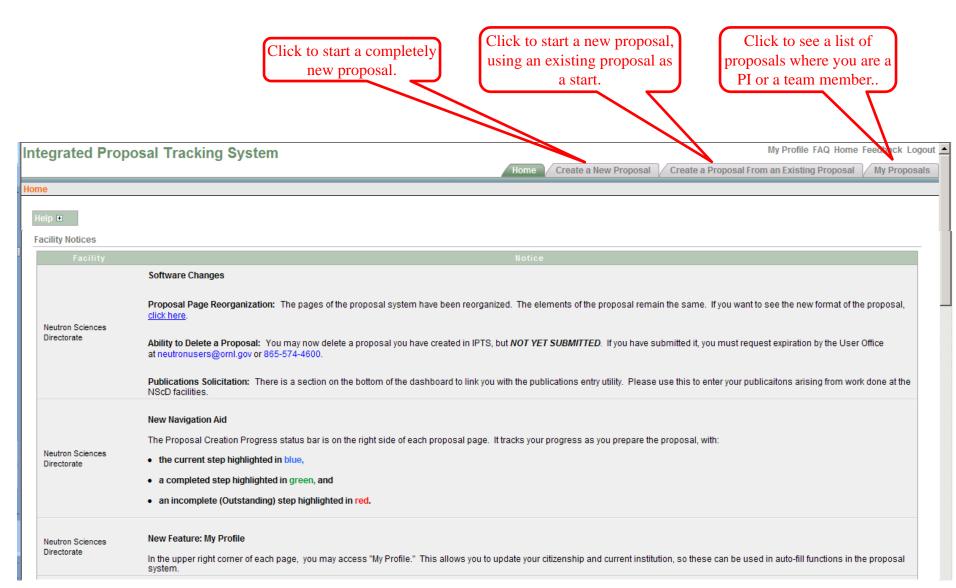
Instructions for registering for IPTS can be found by clicking on this <u>link</u>. Once you have access to the system, HELP will be provided on each page as you enter the required information into the proposal system. The following pages will be presented with the HELP expanded.

You will always enter the IPTS through the page shown below. This is your personal Home page (also referred to as your dashboard). In conjunction with e-mails, the system will communicate with you through this page for certain actions, as indicated by the red arrows below.



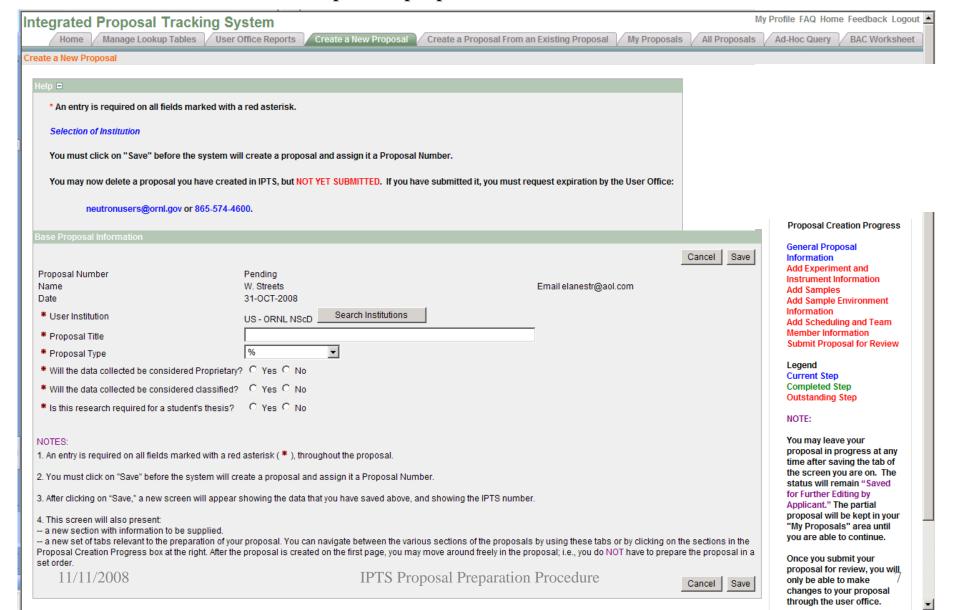
The information you see on this page will depend on your role in IPTS. For instance, a PI or team member will see information about his proposals, a reviewer will also see information about proposals needing action by him. All actions are conducted via this page.

# From the Home page you also begin the proposal creation process.



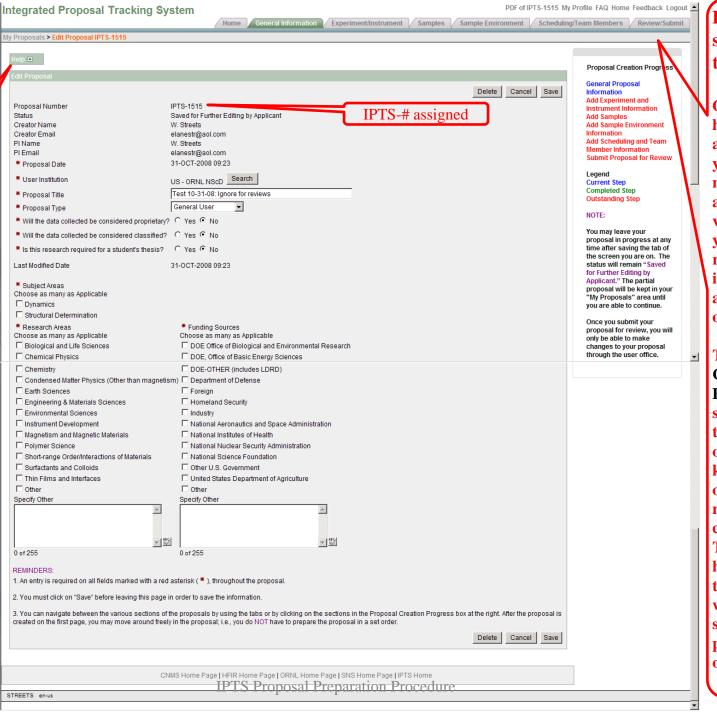
In order to show you the proposal format, we will create a new proposal.

The information on this page must be completed and saved in order to create a proposal in IPTS and to be assigned a proposal number. Once that is done, you will see a different set of screens, relevant to this specific proposal.



Please note that HELP is available on most pages. Click the "+" to reveal the text, and "\_" to minimize it.

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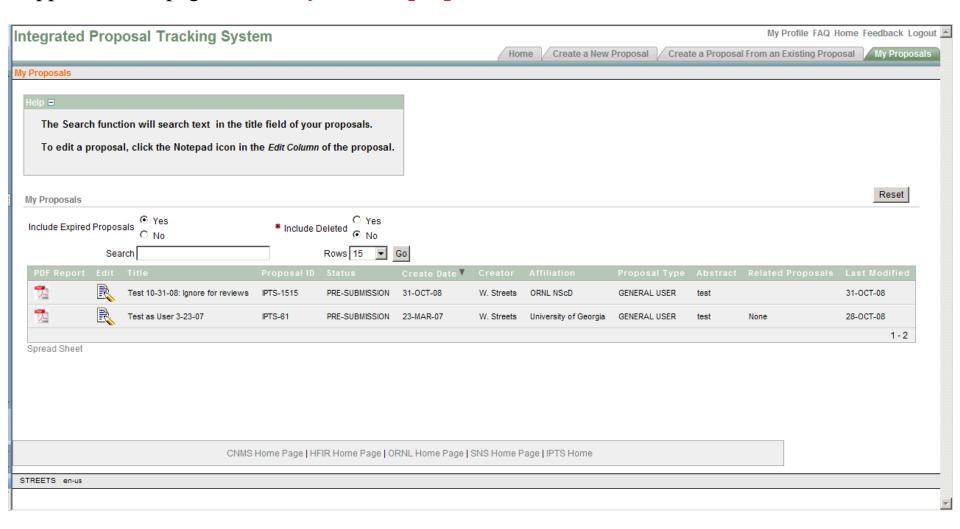


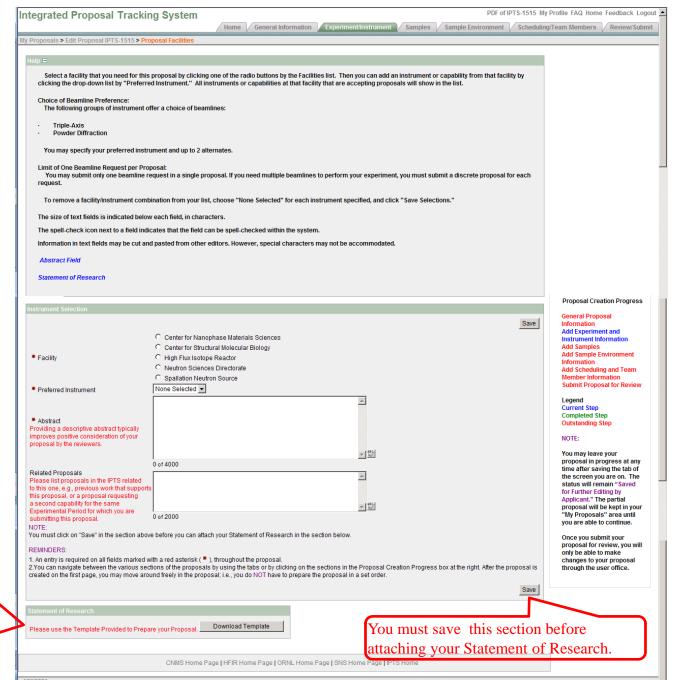
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Once you have created a proposal, you can navigate among the various tabsyou are not required to input data in a specific order.

**The Proposal** Creation **Progress** status box on the right side of the screen keeps track of what areas need completion. The highlighted tab at the top will always show what page you are on.

Until you submit the proposal, it will be in Pre-Submission status and is Saved for Further Editing by Applicant. You may leave the proposal unsubmitted and access it again by clicking on the "My Proposals" tab. All proposals that have you listed as a PI or team member will appear on this page. You may edit the proposal until it has been submitted.





Guidelines for the Statement of Research are shown on the following page.



# View

## Guidelines for Statement of Research

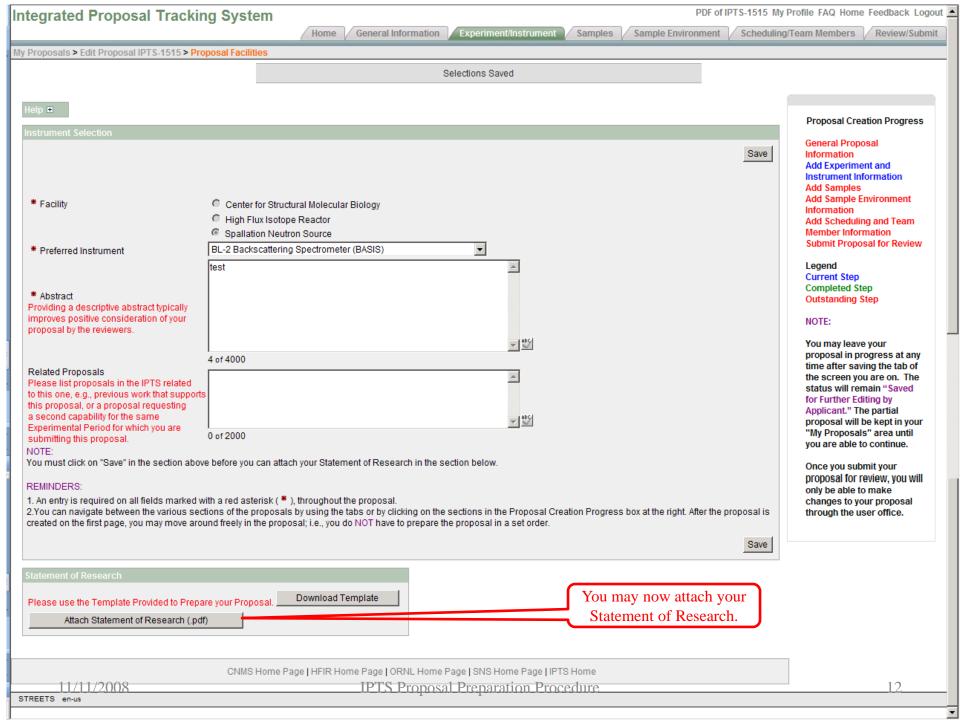
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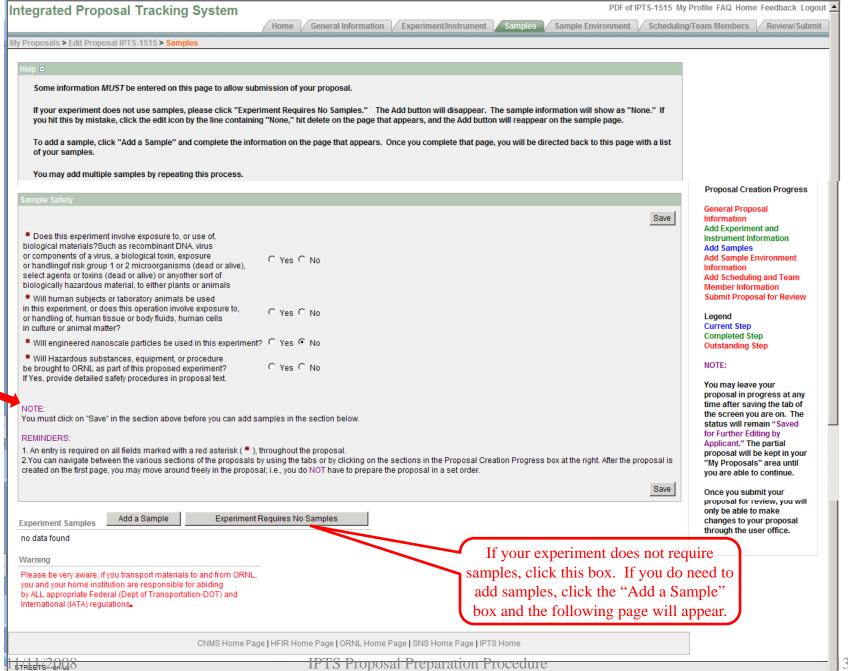
## When preparing your statement of research, please follow these instructions:

- Provide the title used on your proposal.
- > Provide a brief statement of the scientific background and general importance of the research.
- Clearly describe the aims of the proposed experiment and provide a detailed description of the experiment; keep in mind that not all reviewers are experts in the field.
- If available, include results of preliminary work carried out using neutrons or other techniques and the relationship with your proposed experiment.
- List the number of samples and sample environment conditions (e.g., temperatures and magnetic fields) and estimate the measurement time for each sample or condition to explain the overall beamtime request.
- Identify and discuss any recommended safety precautions, controls or procedures that ensure your experiment can be run in a safe manner while at SNS/HFIR.
- Justify the use of neutron scattering and the particular instrument requested.
- Include appropriate references.

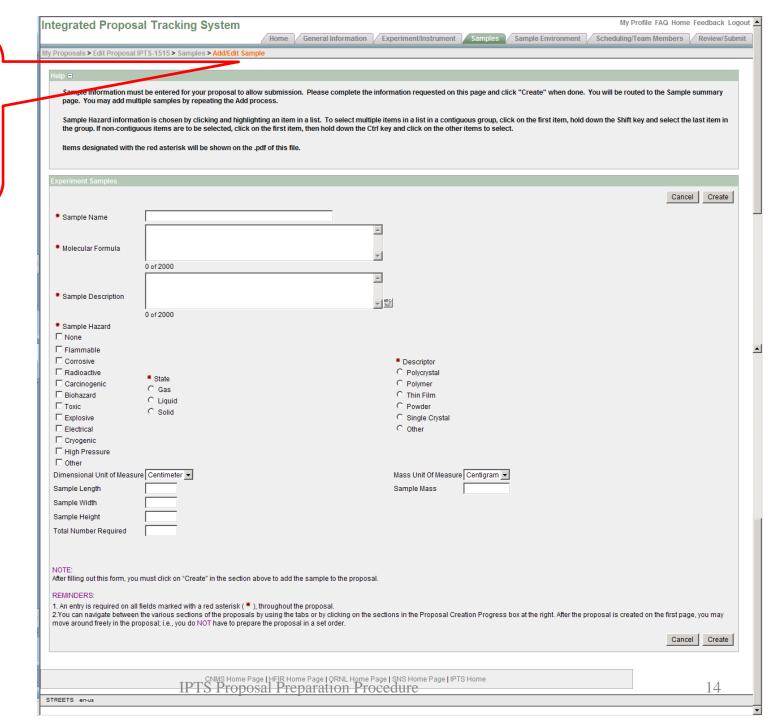
Use a font no smaller than 12 point with at least single line spacing.

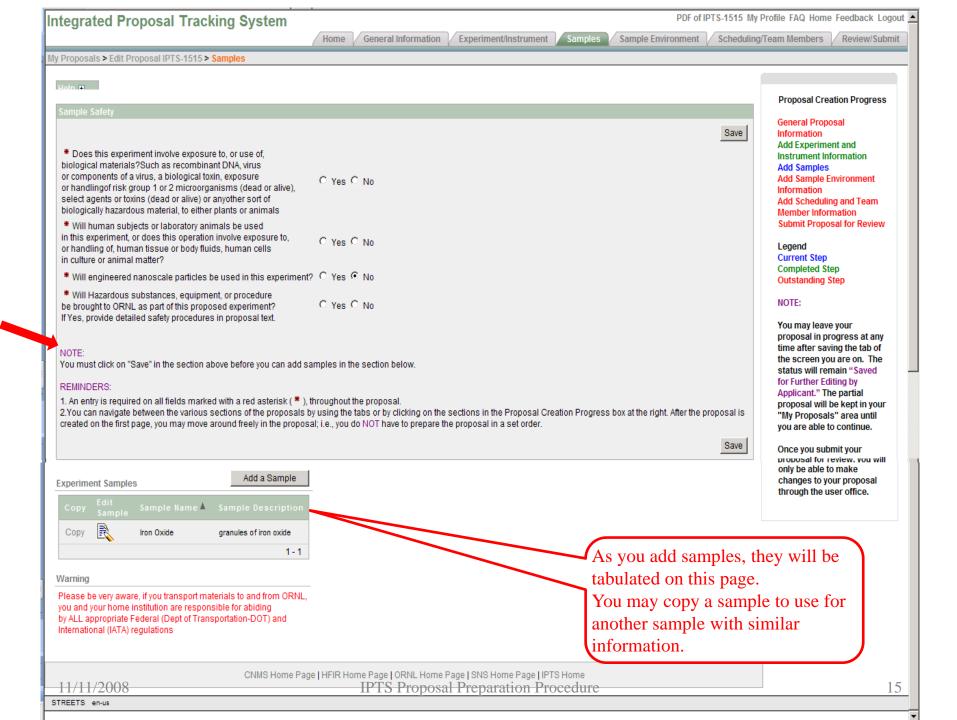
Please limit the length of your submitted Statement of Research to 2 pages, including graphics.

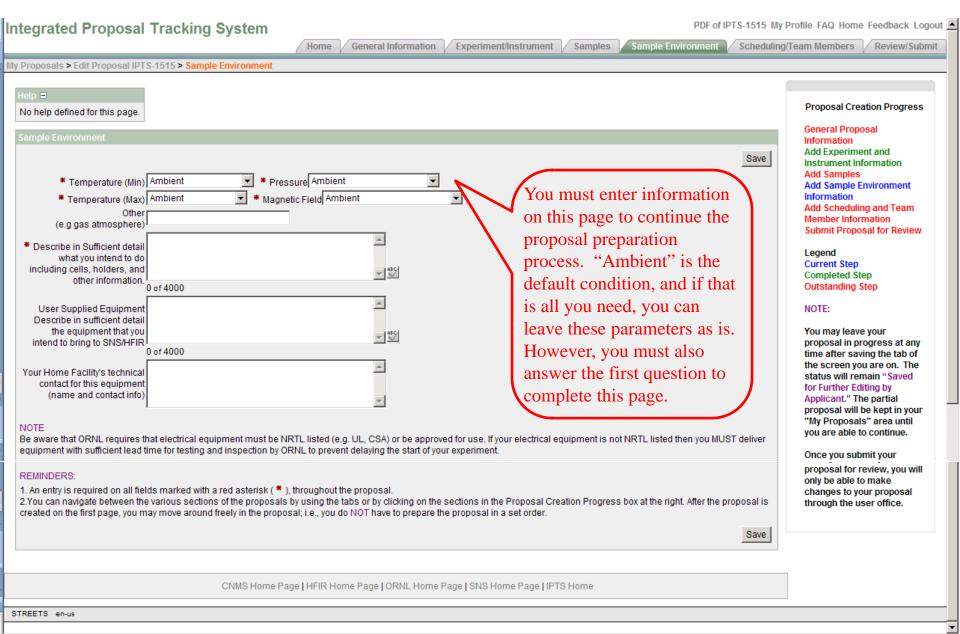


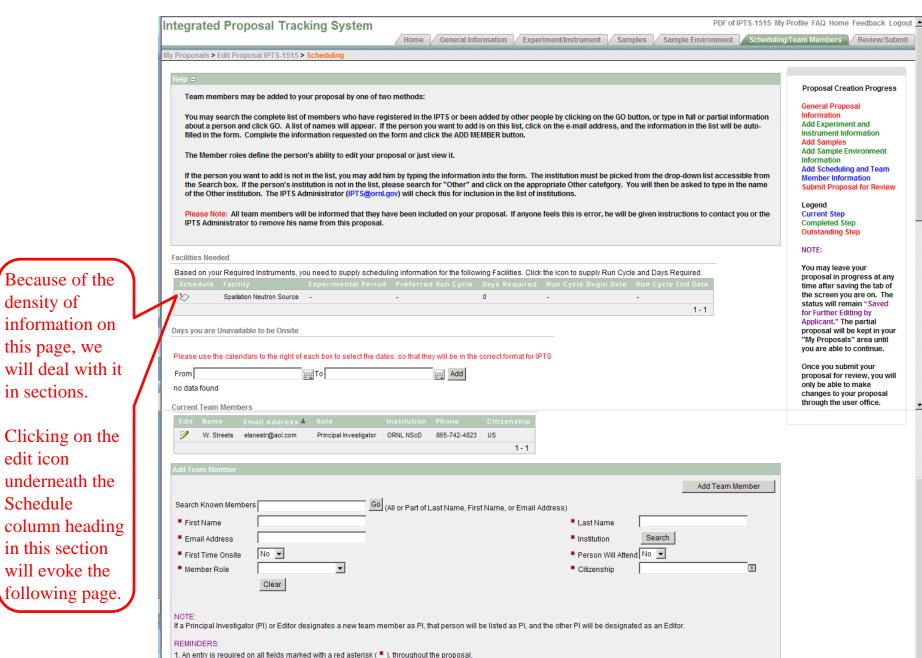


This page is used to add a new sample or edit an existing one.









2. You can navigate between the various sections of the proposals by using the tabs or by clicking on the sections in the Proposal Creation Progress box at the right. After the proposal is

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created on the first page, you may move around freely in the proposal; i.e., you do NOT have to prepare the proposal in a set order

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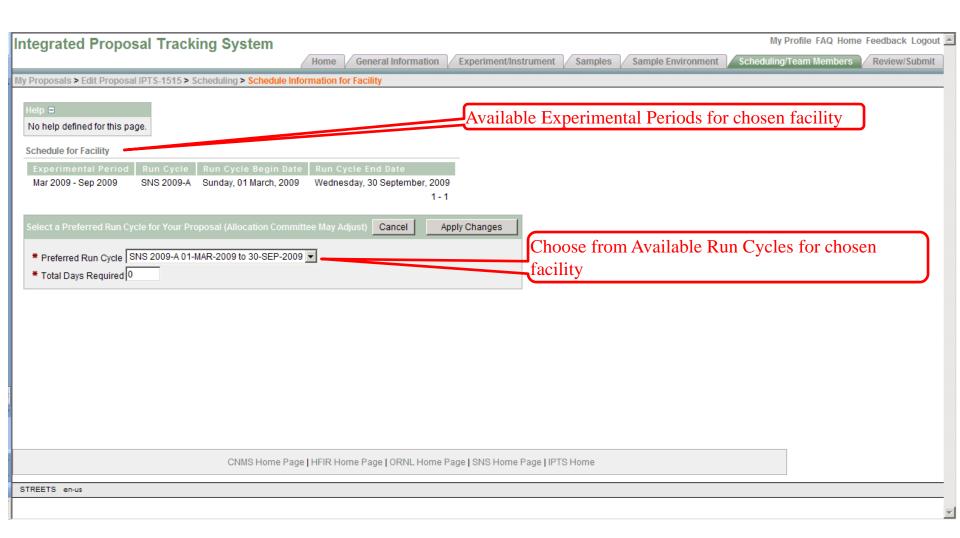
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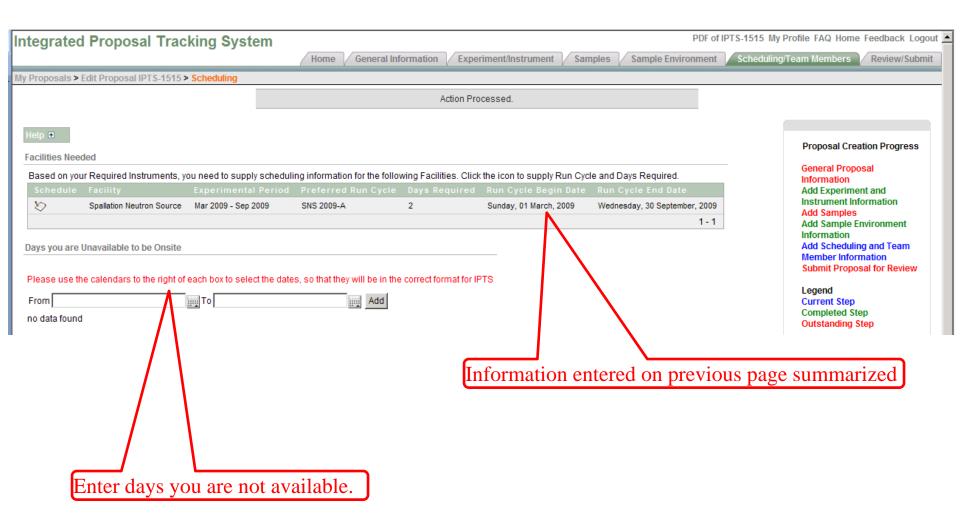
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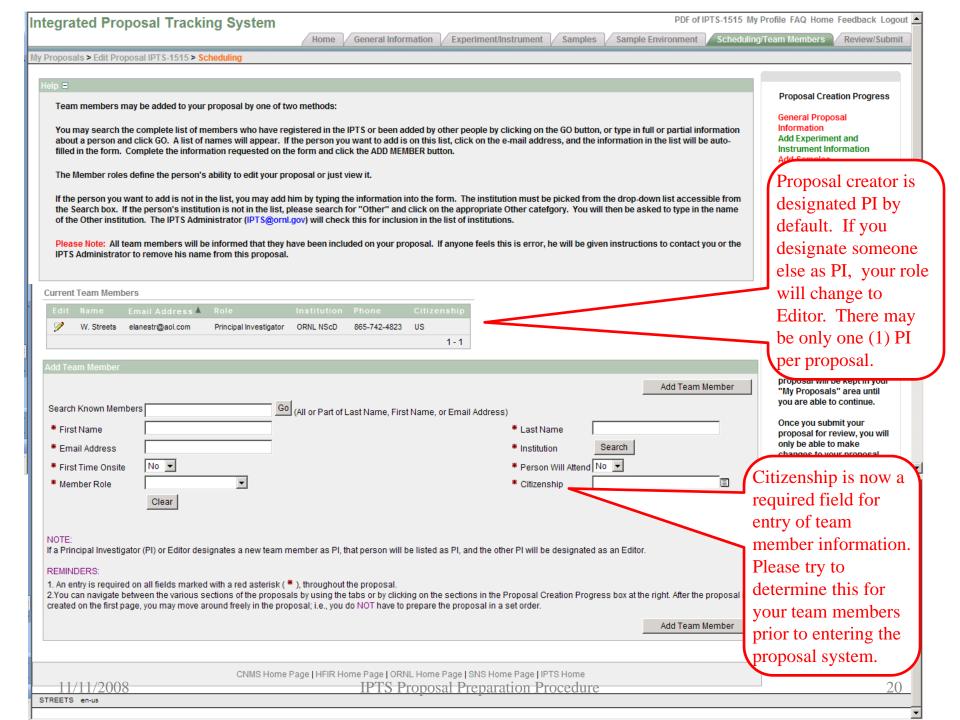
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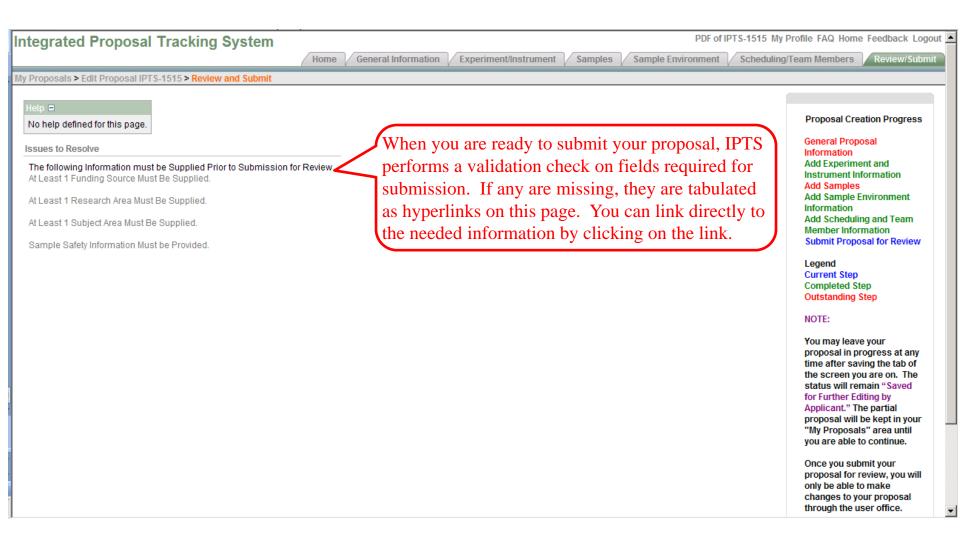
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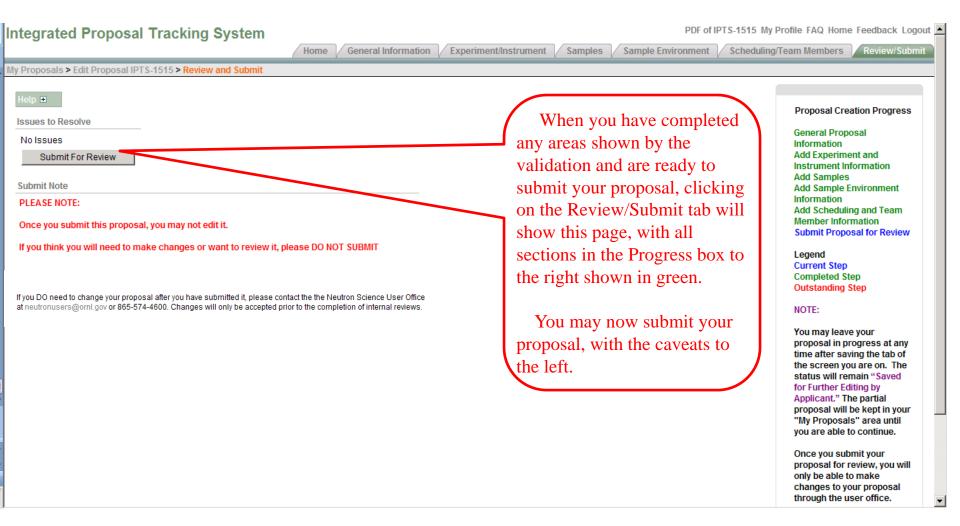


Clicking on "Apply Changes" will save the information and return you to the previous page.

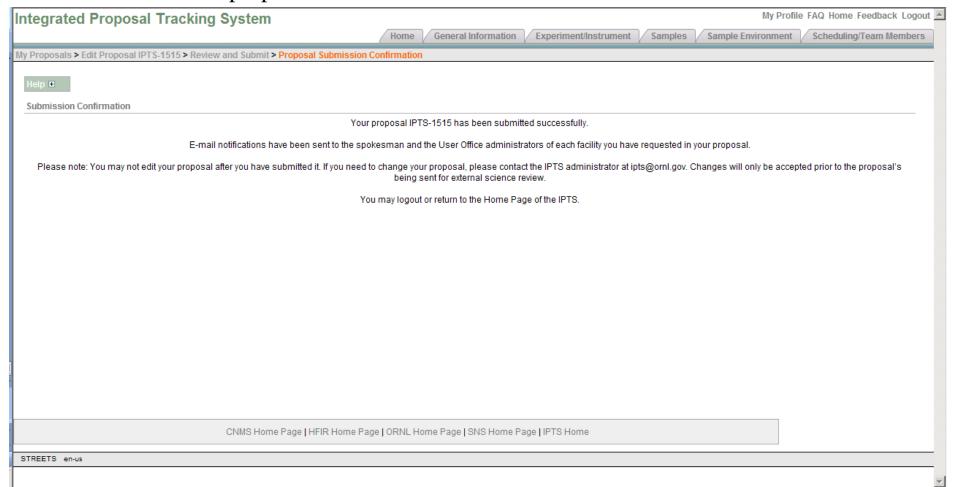




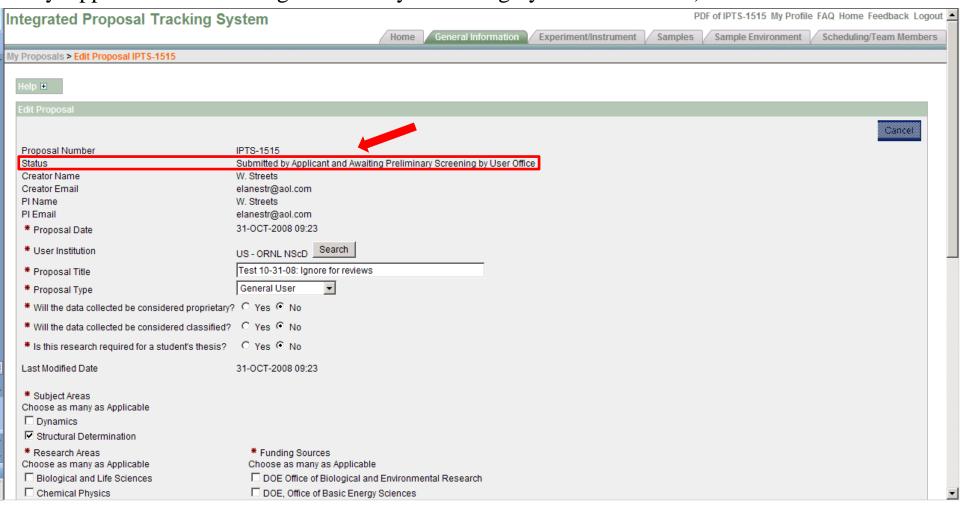




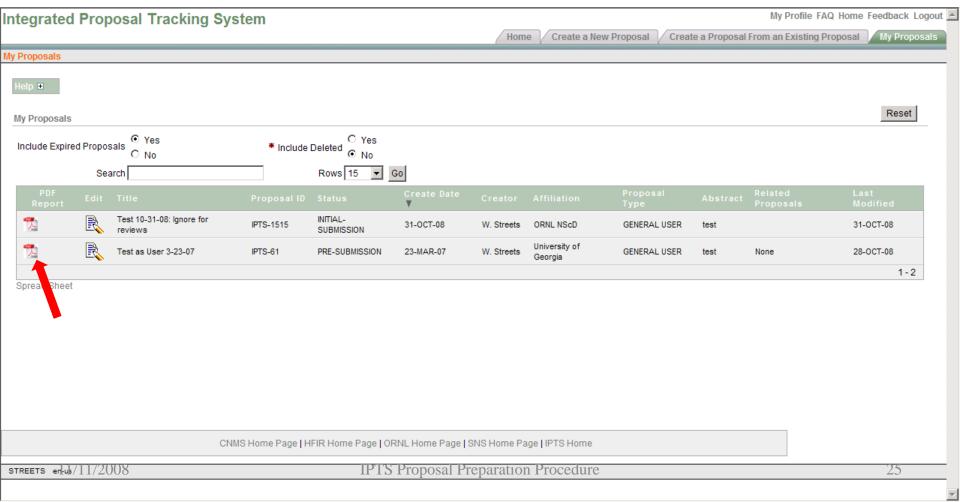
This page appears after you click 'Submit for Review" on the previous page to confirm that the proposal has been successfully submitted. You, all team members, the User Office, the Lead Instrument Scientist and associated beamline feasibility reviewers, and our Environmental Safety and Health Office will also receive e-mails confirming the submission of a new proposal.



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