

# Flight Tracker Consortium Meeting

October 3, 2024



[www.edgeforscholars.org](http://www.edgeforscholars.org)

[X @EdgeForScholars](https://twitter.com/EdgeForScholars)

[https://redcap.link/flight\\_tracker](https://redcap.link/flight_tracker)

# Meeting Agenda



Current Version:  
**v6.15.0**

## **What's New?**

Bibliometrics Collecting Again  
New Developer: Andrew Johnson

**Deep Dive:** Self-Enrolling from a REDCap Survey

## **What's Next?**

Active Projects Nearing Completion  
AAMC GREAT Conference



# What's New?

# Bibliometrics Updating



- **Error:** Bibliometrics were not updating for months after their initial download
- Fixed in **v6.15.0** and higher...  
It should restart downloading automatically
- Thanks, **Alexis Ranalli** of Nemours!



## Welcome, Andrew Johnson!



- **Andrew Johnson** is joining our team to aid in software development tasks
- He'll be taking over more software responsibilities over time
- **Impacts to you:**
  - We plan on re-routing communications more to our website and to a central email address to coordinate correspondence
  - He'll be increasingly more involved in troubleshooting calls





# Deep Dive

Self-Enrolling to Flight Tracker

# Overview



- Use cases:
  - Origin story: Medical College of Wisconsin
  - Months later: Scholar Portal & Vanderbilt
- Installation without scholars
- Different REDCap forms
- Email alerts
  - Admin notification of new scholar
  - Access denied
  - Access granted
  - One week later: Scholar Portal access



## Origin Story



- Setting: Early 2024
- The Public Survey Link is a part of REDCap where anybody can fill out a survey, and each new survey makes a new record
- The Medical College of Wisconsin asked if Flight Tracker could support Public Survey Links – that is, sign up for it themselves
- I coded a quick change to allow them to do this themselves, but did not build out extensive support





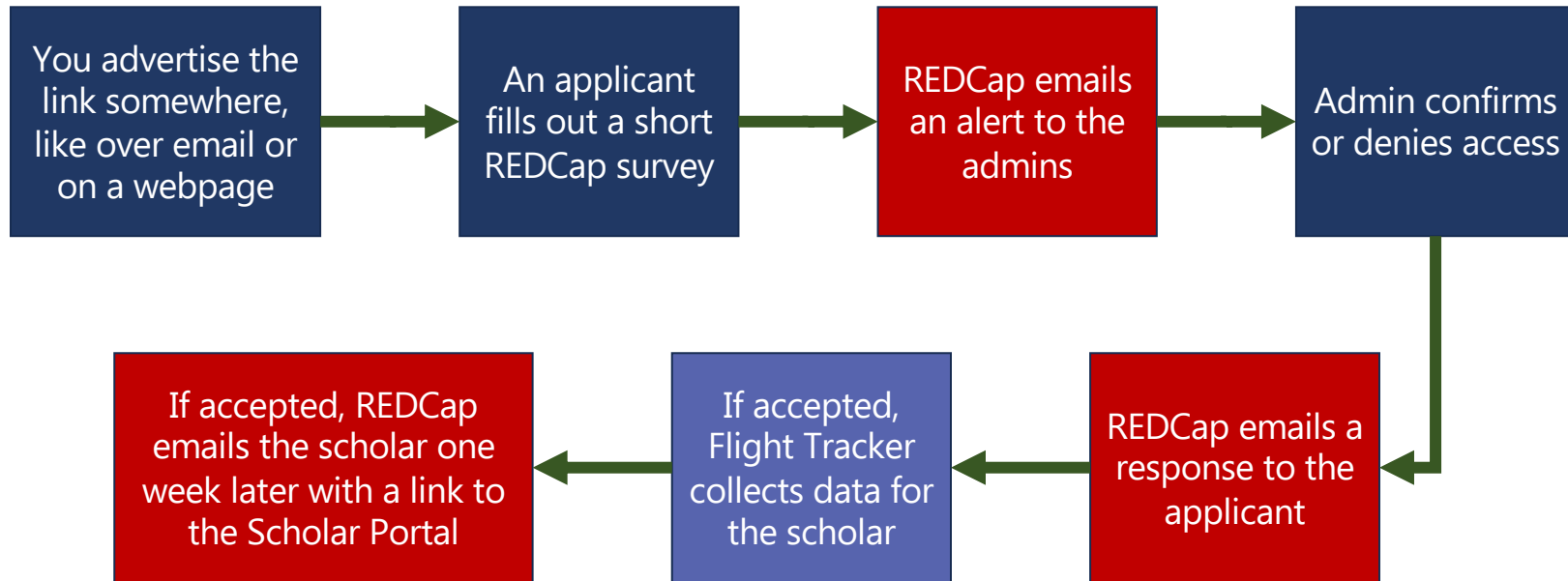
## Scholar Portal & Vanderbilt



- Recently, Julie Bastarache, Director of our Vanderbilt team, asked for the very same feature here
- Motive: Scholar Portal access for senior faculty
- Since multiple people asked for it and she pays the bills, I decided to make this a core feature for all
- Coming out in the next few days in **v6.16.0**



# How It Works



# Installation



- Start a new Flight Tracker project. The first installation screen:

'Home' Institutions that Your Scholars Belong To:  
(Short Names, List Separated by Commas)  
E.g., Vanderbilt, Meharry, Tennessee State.   
This list will show up only on surveys.

Class of Project:  
If the project is affiliated with a grant, specify what type of grant. Small variations exist for these grant classes.

Training Grant (T)  
 Career Development Grant (K)  
 Other (e.g., not related to a grant)

Special Project Design:  
 Normal  
 Signup via Public Survey Link ← Make sure you check to sign up!

Class of Server:  
 Test/Development  
 Production Server

Timezone:

Admin Email(s):  ← These emails will receive an alert to confirm  
(List Separated by Commas)

- Since a survey is used, no new scholars will be uploaded
- Instructions are provided

# Different REDCap Forms



Click an instrument's name to see a description.

<input type="checkbox"/> Data Collection Instrument	Status
Sign Up <small>(survey)</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Sign Up Approval	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Identifiers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Summary	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Position Change	<input type="radio"/>
Initial Survey <small>(survey)</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Custom Grant	<input type="radio"/>
Reporter	<input type="radio"/>
Followup <small>(survey)</small>	<input type="radio"/>
Exporter	<input type="radio"/>
Citation	<input type="radio"/>

- First two forms are different
- Identifiers is normally the first instrument

# Public Survey



Sign Up for Flight Tracker AAA

Please complete the survey below. Thank you!

FLIGHT TRACKER for scholars

1) <b>First Name:</b> <small>* must provide value</small>	<input type="text"/>
2) <b>Middle Name or Initial</b> <small>* must provide value</small>	<input type="text"/>
3) <b>Last Name</b> <small>* must provide value</small>	<input type="text"/>
4) <b>Email</b> <small>* must provide value</small>	<input type="text"/>

- You must email out link or put link on website from:  
**REDCap → Survey Distribution Tools → Public Survey Link**

# Form for Admin to Confirm



Info from Survey →

**Sign Up Approval**

Editing existing Record Id 1. Scott Pearson

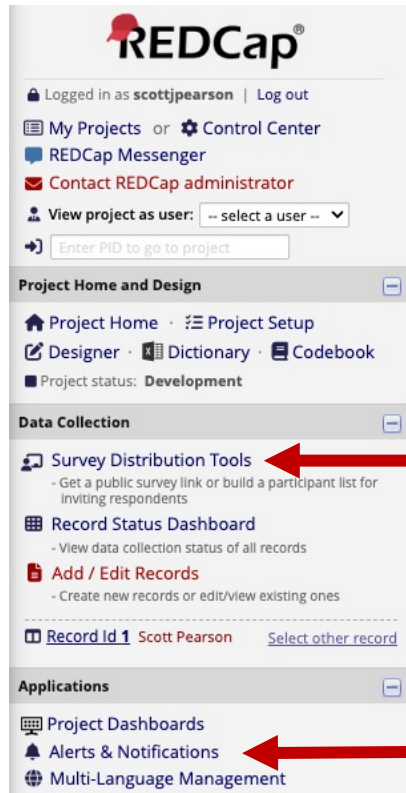
<b>Record Id</b>	1
Do you wish to grant the following person access to Flight Tracker? Scott James Pearson scott.j.pearson@vumc.org	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <a href="#">reset</a>
Person Granting Access	<input type="text" value="scottjpearson"/>
Last Updated	<input type="text" value="2024-09-26"/> Today Y-M-D
<b>Form Status</b>	
Complete?	<input type="text" value="Complete"/> ▾

- When you check to confirm, their data will automatically go into the Identifiers form

# Four Email Alerts



1. Admin notification of new scholar
2. Access denied
3. Access granted
4. One week later: Scholar Portal access



Where to get the Public Survey Link

Where to see REDCap alerts

# To Admin When Signup Happens



**From:** First admin email

**To:** All admin emails

**Subject** Flight Tracker Signup

**Message:** Someone requested a signup to the custom Flight Tracker project.  
Name: Scott James Pearson  
Email: scott.j.pearson@vumc.org  
  
Please review here: [https://localhost/redcap/redcap\\_v14.6.8/DataEntry/index.php?pid=184&page=sign\\_up\\_approval&id=1&event\\_id=214&instance=1](https://localhost/redcap/redcap_v14.6.8/DataEntry/index.php?pid=184&page=sign_up_approval&id=1&event_id=214&instance=1)



# Access Denied



**From:** First admin email

**To:** Applicant

**Subject** Flight Tracker Access Denied

**Message:** Your application for Flight Tracker has been denied. If you feel this denial is incorrect, please reply to this email with your case.

Thanks!

[Your Flight Tracker Team](#)



# Access Granted



**From:** First admin email

**To:** Applicant

**Subject** Flight Tracker Access Granted

**Message:** Your name has been added to Flight Tracker. You will receive a follow-up email in one week with a link to access your data after it has downloaded.


Thanks!

**Your Flight Tracker Team**



# One Week Later, Scholar Portal



<b>From:</b>	First admin email
<b>To:</b>	Applicant
<b>Subject</b>	Access the Flight Tracker Scholar Portal
<b>Message:</b>	<p>Your name has been added to Flight Tracker. You can view your record on the Scholar Portal with this link: <a href="https://localhost/redcap/external_modules/?prefix=flightTracker&amp;page=portal%2Findex">https://localhost/redcap/external_modules/?prefix=flightTracker&amp;page=portal%2Findex</a></p> <p>Thanks! <b><u>Your Flight Tracker Team</u></b></p> 

# Release



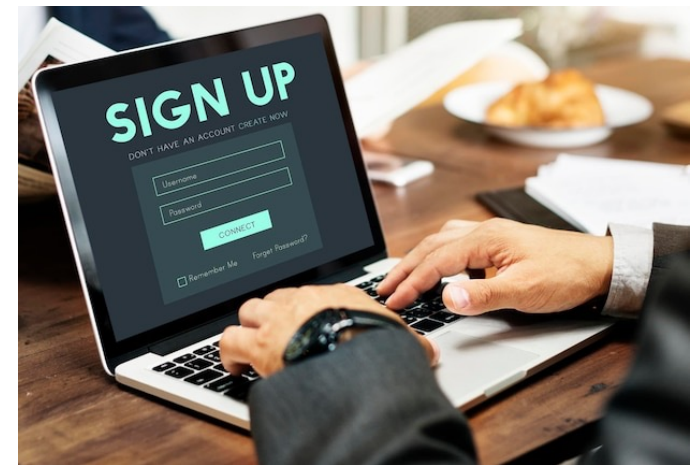
- In Flight Tracker **v6.16.0** and higher
- Not out yet! Released within a week from today
- And don't forget about Publication Wrangling!!!



# Recap



- Use cases:
  - Origin story: Medical College of Wisconsin
  - Months later: Scholar Portal & Vanderbilt
- Installation without scholars
- Different REDCap forms
- Email alerts
  - Admin notification of new scholar
  - Access denied
  - Access granted
  - One week later: Scholar Portal access





**What's Next?**

## Multiple Active Projects



- **Mentee-Mentor Agreements v2.0** – customizing questions
- Co-signed letter for an **API for My Bibliography** to ease Publication Wrangling's burden
- Accessing **ORCID record** data [from Nemours]
- In November, change to the **NIH Training Tables' new format** for January applications



## AAMC GREAT Conference



- AAMC GREAT = American Association of Medical Colleges' Group on Research, Education & Training
- For pre-doctoral, post-doctoral & MD/PhD programs
- In Dallas, Texas, near UT-Southwestern on October 7-9
- Rebecca & I will present a poster to preview an evolving project **Flight Connector: Software to Enhance Networking & Mentoring**
- If you're there, too, we'd love to meet you!





# Flight Tracker Community



## Support Forum

**"Better than Email"** - Ask me for an Account in the Chat

<https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/flightracker/>

A screenshot of the Flight Tracker Community forum interface. The top navigation bar includes the logo, a search bar, a "Create post" button, and a "Spaces" dropdown. A user is logged in as "scott.pearson". Below the navigation bar, a welcome message reads "Welcome to Flight Tracker Community!". The main content area is titled "All Posts in Flight Tracker Community" and lists several posts with their titles, authors, dates, and engagement metrics (comments and likes). A sidebar on the right contains the "Edge for Scholars" logo and a list of navigation links.

FLIGHT TRACKER for scholars

Search for posts, topics, and users...

+ Create post Spaces

Logged in as scott.pearson

Welcome to Flight Tracker Community!

All Posts in Flight Tracker Community

Home

- Flight Tracker Video Vault
- Mentee-Mentor Agreements
- Getting Started with Flight Tracker
- Next Consortium Meeting & Past Slides
- Newbie Session Agenda
- Edge for Scholars Blog
- Edge for Scholars at Vanderbilt
- X: @EdgeForScholars

Using FT for New T32 Applications (Jump to latest comment)

new t32s 5 Comments 0 Likes

Identical name at same institution (Jump to latest comment)

identical names 1 Comments 0 Likes

Honors & Awards Survey

honors and awards survey 0 Comments 0 Likes

email not sent, make sure "Enable module on all projects by default" is NOT checked. (Jump to latest comment)

email module setting 1 Comments 0 Likes

Publication results limited by the "Institutions Searched For" (Jump to latest comment)

publication wrangler 3 Comments 0 Likes

# Troubleshooting Call



## Monthly Troubleshooting Call – optional

Third Wednesday at 1pm Central Time  
October 16, 2024

*Driven by Your Questions & Problems*

All are welcome!

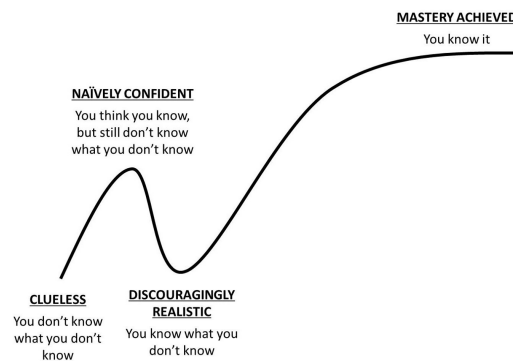
Ask to join our email list in the chat for an invitation...



# Newbie Call



## Just getting started with Flight Tracker?



There's a definite learning curve.  
Move up more quickly by joining  
**October's "newbie" call.**

**Tuesday, October 15, at 11am Central Time**  
**(Thursday, November 14, at noon Central Time)**

Leave your email in the chat to receive an invitation

# Getting Started Workshop



After each month's newbie call, we're hosting a separate Getting Started Workshop to get the ball rolling on implementation. Questions will center only around starting out. No advanced questions will be discussed.

Our next call will be on **Friday, October 18,**  
**at 1pm CT.**

All newbie call participants will be invited.  
Let me know if you want an invitation to the next one.

# Flight Tracker Consortium Meeting

October 2, 2024



[www.edgeforscholars.org](http://www.edgeforscholars.org)

[X @EdgeForScholars](https://twitter.com/EdgeForScholars)

[https://redcap.link/flight\\_tracker](https://redcap.link/flight_tracker)