

Business Warehouse Quick Reference Guide: Grant Management Dates and Definitions

At the Grant level (KC¹ Parent level):

BW Field	Definition
PROJECT START DATE	The start date of a grant (competing segment), including any pre-award authorization period. Note: this field is derived from the project start date at the parent level in KCRM.
PROJECT END DATE/ PROJECT TO DATE	The end date of the grant (competing segment), defined as the current budget period plus any unfunded periods, including possible option years, unless the submission of a proposal is required to trigger the option years. Note: this field is derived from the project end date at the parent level in KCRM.
GRANT VALID FROM/ VALID-FROM DATE/ GRANT START DATE	Grant validity start date. Also referred to as "start date of period during which spending is authorized." Note: this date commonly is same as project start date, but there are some exceptions.
GRANT VALID TO/ VALID -TO DATE/ GRANT END DATE	Grant validity end date. Also referred to as "end date of period during which spending is authorized." Example: If we are in year two of a 5-year NIH grant, this date would be the end date of year 2.
BUDGET BEGIN DATE	The starting date of the period during which expenses can be posted against a grant. This is an accounting mechanism in SAP that allows charges to post up to 90 days in advance of the grant valid from date and up to a year after the grant valid to date to accommodate a variety of scenarios – authorized preaward spending, etc. The date is automatically derived from the valid from date mentioned above.
BUDGET END DATE	The ending date of the period during which expenses can be posted against a grant. This is an accounting mechanism in SAP that allows charges to post up to one year after the grant valid to date to accommodate a variety of scenarios – closeout actions, etc. This date is automatically derived from the valid to date mentioned above.

At the Sponsored Program (KC Child) Level

BW Field	Definition
SP VALID FROM	The sponsored program start and end dates (SP valid from/SP valid to) depend on the nature of the specific award. The SP valid from/SP valid to dates are the obligation start and end dates at the child level in KC. In SAP, these dates are informational only, and they don't limit the ability to post expenditures in any way. All the budgetary controls are at the grant level.
SP VALID TO / SP END DATE	The sponsored program start and end dates (SP valid from/SP valid to) depend on the nature of the specific award. The SP valid from/SP valid to dates are the obligation start and end dates at the child level in KC. In SAP, these dates are informational only, and they don't limit the ability to post expenditures in any way. All the budgetary controls are at the grant level.

¹ Quali Coeus (KC): the system used by the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) and Post Award Financial Operations (PAFO) to record proposal and award data, and to transmit award data to the SAP system to generate accounts.