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Faculty Research Orientation
January 2019
• Ken Bayles – Interim Associate VC for Research and Creative Activity
• Sara Myers – Assistant VC for Research and Creative Activity
• Wendi Jensen – Assistant Director - External Research Resources
• Rachel Meredith – Grants Coordinator
• Amanda Buker – Grants Coordinator
Faculty and Staff

- Mike Mohatt – Contract Specialist…soon to be retired
- Greg Ramirez – Contract Specialist…..to join us soon
- Brenda Kolobara – Research Compliance Officer
- Sophia Potter – Staff Assistant for Internal Programs and Special Events
- Sarah McKee – Staff Assistant
- Katy Vitale – Project Manager
ORCA Leadership

- Ken Bayles
  - Facilitates faculty research and creative activity (RCA)
  - Oversight of ORCA
  - Development of RCA priorities and strategic directions
  - Represents UNO in discussion with RCA partners

- Sara Myers
  - Hands on oversight and support of ORCA personnel
  - Development of programs to support faculty in pursuing external funding
  - Hands on involvement in internal funding programs
  - Help identify and address research related needs from faculty
ORCA Pre-Award

• Grants Coordinating (Wendi, Rachel, Amanda)
  • Proposal and budget development
  • Submission on behalf of the Board of Regents
  • Post-award, non-financial activities
  • Development of intent to form sub-agreements

• Contracts and Agreements (Mike and Brenda)
  • Receipt, review, negotiation, and acceptance of awards on behalf of the University
  • Development, negotiation, and issuance of subawards, non-disclosure agreements, consulting agreements, and other contractual documents related to sponsored projects
  • Material transfer agreements
ORCA Internal Research Resources

• Programs for faculty (Sophia, Katy)
  • University Committee for Research and Creative Activity (UCRCA)
  • NU Collaboration Initiatives
  • Great-Plains IDEA-CTR

• Programs for students (Sophia)
  • Fund for Undergraduate Scholarly Experience (FUSE)
  • Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA)
  • UCRCA
ORCA Compliance

• Research compliance
  • Overall IRB policy, general questions, and training
  • IACUC policy and general questions
  • Institutional Biosafety Committee questions
  • Research Compliance Oversight

• Research integrity
  • Policy, oversight, reporting, questions
  • Responsible conduct of research training and reporting
  • Financial conflict of interest policy, disclosures, management plans
ORCA Compliance

• Regulatory compliance
  • Export control
    • International travel compliance, screening, questions, and guidance
    • Export control compliance reviews
    • Technology control plans for export controlled research projects
    • International visitor screenings
    • International shipping questions and compliance
  • Whistleblowing
    • Reporting gross mismanagement of federal funds; employees paid from federally funded projects cannot be discriminated against for whistleblowing.

• Intellectual Property (in collaboration with UNeMed)
  • Protection of inventions and other creative works and/or materials under patent, trademark, and/or copyright laws.
Administrative/Logistical Support

- MavGrants tutorials
- Finding funding sessions with databases
- Internal funding information sessions
- Department meeting presentations
Funding Success

- Faculty funding strategy sessions
- External grant reviews
- Workshops
  - Basic grant writing
  - Funding agency specific
  - Mentoring (under development)
Research Promotion

- Student research and creative activity fair
- Faculty and staff research awards
- Research related award nominations
Resources

• Announcements page
• Letters of support
• Finding collaborators and mentors
• Core facility new user program
• Partner in promoting research-related events
Our Partners

• Karen Hein/Candice Batton – UNO Center for Faculty Excellence
• Travis Adams – UNO Writing Center
• Lisa Bounds – UNO Grants Accounting
• Abbey Lowe – UNMC/UNO Institutional Review Board (IRB)/Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
• Matt Boehm – Unemed
• Amanda Fletcher – Great Plains IDEA - CTR
All slides and additional handouts available at:

Please click here to visit our Faculty page to view materials on the ORCA website

https://www.unomaha.edu/faculty-support/campus-connections/index.php#orca
• How does the budget process work when bringing in funding?
• How do we determine the types of approvals that appropriate for a range of research interests? Is there a resource available to go through the nuts and bolts with a novice researcher?
I do not have a paid research-release, what types of opportunities exist to find funding for my work if it is not part of a larger university grant/project?
• What research funds are available within UNO and the UN system? Are shared experimental labs or facilities available for use?
• How can we know the best time to submit a New Invention Notification?
• How do you find support for hiring graduate research assistants in my department?

• Funding
  • Teaching assistants
  • UNO Graduate Studies
    • Annual call for allocated graduate assistantships based on need
  • NU System grants
  • Fellowships
  • Other external sources to fund the work

• Logistics
  • Department and/or College Business Manager
  • UNO Graduate Studies
• How do you pay research assistant abroad?
  • Depending on the situation the individual could be hired as a consultant
• What’s the best way to find and manage good student help?
  • How can you identify graduate students at UNO or UNMC interested in collaborating on health communication research?

• Recruiting
  • Recruit the best students from your courses
  • Recruit and network with students at conferences
  • Actively present your research to anyone who will listen
  • Attend any local fairs related to your discipline
  • Hold seminars in your discipline and spend time getting to know the students who attend them
  • Hold “Open houses” in your lab that present your research
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Managing
  - Develop your management style and recruit to that style
  - I use a weekly report and alternating team meetings with individual meetings each week
  - There are trainings available through different groups at UNO and elsewhere on management (HR, CFE)
• What is the 46.5% that is added to grants for UNO?

• Facilities and Administration costs
  • Defined: Necessary costs incurred by a recipient for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objectives specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. To facilitate equitable distribution of indirect expenses to the cost objectives served, it may be necessary to establish a number of pools of F&A (indirect) costs. F&A (indirect) cost pools must be distributed to benefitted cost objectives on bases that will produce an equitable result in consideration of relative benefits derived.

  • Rate is based on real and actual costs that are incurred by UNO for the purposes of assisting and providing resources to conduct research on campus
  • Pay a portion of your office expenses, custodial, bathrooms, computer maintenance, etc.
  • Contribute to salaries of people who help you secure external funding and adhere to federal policies governing how those funds are used