SPAA’s Support of Research Continues

2012 Uncertain Times?

Despite the climate of uncertainty in 2012…

SPAA remains dedicated to the highest quality level of support for UT Austin’s Research possible with stewardship of given resources.

If UT Austin Researchers are still researching during the apocalypse, SPAA will keep on doing our very best to set up the accounts, bill the sponsors, and spearhead auditor visits.
Sponsored Projects Award Administration

Newsletter -- Service

Audits & Desk Reviews
On behalf of UT Austin’s Researchers, in the months March through June 2012, SPAA has/will handle several audits/reviews:

- NSF desk reviews
- DHHS OIG
- UNC

If you are contacted about an audit, please contact SPAA oa.jrichter@austin.utexas.edu. SPAA is available to assist with the audit process and can serve as your liaison with the auditors.

Welch Reporting Season

Recipients should look for emails from:
★ OSP regarding the details of their progress report submission, and
★ SPAA’s Kristin Cress in preparation for the Welch financial reporting → Both due July 18th.

Welch reports require original signatures from their PIs. Kristin works with UT’s Welch recipients in advance to plan the most convenient time for PIs to sign after Kristin prepares the reports for them in June and early July. Kristin Cress is a great resource for questions about Welch financial reporting. Her e-mail: cress@austin.utexas.edu

For Welch award recipients the annual progress report and financial statement for the year 6/1/11-5/31/12, will be due to the Welch Foundation by July 31, 2012.

Awardees please send a signed original of your progress report to Reggie Crim by July 18th, so these can be countersigned by the Vice President for Research Dr. Juan Sanchez and then shipped to the Welch Foundation.

Info about the Welch Foundation Grants and Awards is available here: http://www.welch1.org/

Office Managers who responded with agility to ensure that their faculty had

Effort Contacts:
★ Crim, Jena
★ Ermis, John
★ Halligan, James
★ Holmes, April
★ Judson, Dana
★ Moses, Nancy
★ Pendleton, Shauna
★ Rasmussen, Ashley
★ Sanchez, Lorraine
★ Smith, Stella
★ Wagner, Dena
★ Whitmore, Mary


Thank You!
Meet Tania Tost, Sr. Grants & Contracts Specialist in SPAA

How many years have you been with OSP?
I’ve been with UT almost 12 years, six of those years with OSP/SPAA.

What motivates you in your work?
We have a great community here at UT and I enjoy helping colleagues around campus. I also find it motivating to assist in finding solutions as there is always some new scenario or question that arises in the research management field. I learn something new about this field every day and I love that, as it keeps my work fresh and challenging.

Where do you enjoy dining here on the 40 acres?
I actually prefer to bring my lunch, but there are some great spots for eating outside around campus. When I do grab a bite I’ll head over to Madam Mam’s for some spicy goodness.

What are your hobbies?
Creating mosaics, traveling, reading, cooking, being outdoors while getting some exercise, learning to play the guitar, and spending time with friends and family.

I am currently working with the Austin Mosaic Guild on an outdoor public art project for a 30 foot mural which will be released next year at the Dell Children’s Research Center. The theme is 25 years celebrating the success of pet therapy.

What do you wish UT Austin’s PIs and Research Administrators knew about SPAA?
Our team strives to assist the research community in a friendly and efficient manner. We have a solid group with years of experience and our door is always open, eh.

Tania at Vancouver Island

Spotlight On – SPAA’s Tania Tost
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National Institutes of Health (NIH)

NIH Salary Cap for 2012: Reduction to Executive Level II

NIH Salary Cap Calculator tool
http://www.utexas.edu/research/osp/documents/nih_hhs_salary_cap_calculator.xls

NIH Modular Budgets - No detailed budget is now required
http://www.utexas.edu/research/osp/resources/handbook.html#nihmodularbudgets

NIH Plan to Start Using the Research Performance Progress Report

Financial Conflict of Interest Policy Change
http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/coi/

NSF Guidance on Accelerating ARRA Expenditures
http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/arra/faqs_pi.jsp

FDP May 2012 Meeting Presentations
http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/fdp/PGA_069622

Professional Development

Professional Grant Development 2-Day Workshop
Austin, TX on June 6-8, 2012
http://granttrainingcenter.com/signup/323

NIH Regional Seminar in Washington, D.C. on June 20-22, 2012
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/seminars.htm

SP101 Life Cycle of a Sponsored Research Grant - Preaward
August 7, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in NOA 5.318

SP102 Life Cycle of a Sponsored Research Grant - Postaward
August 7, 2012
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. in NOA 5.318 TXCLASS

Professional Grant Writing Resource
http://www.grantcentral.com/workbooks.html

NCURA Fundamentals of Sponsored Projects Administration Workshop
Cambridge/Boston, MA June 18-20, 2012
http://www.ncura.edu/content/calendar/

The Research Administrators Certification Council presents the CRA Body of Knowledge (A Free & Open Resource):
http://www.cra-cert.org/CRAbodyofknowledge.html