

Research Administrators' Network Meeting

AGENDA

October 24, 2023

2:00-3:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar

Welcome & Introductions

Cathy Liebowitz, RAAC Communications Subcommittee

Nick Prieur and Melissa Li, Guest Emcees

Procurement Services Optimization

Tally Thrasher, Assistant Vice President and Chief Procurement Officer

RAAC Training Resources for Research Administrators

Nick Prieur, Research Administration Senior Manager, ISR, RAAC Training Chair

Melissa Li, Research Administration Manager, Medical School, RAAC Training Co-Chair

Updates

Office of Research & Sponsored Projects - Andrea Anderson, Assoc. Director, ORSP

Sponsored Programs - Kristie Beckon, Reporting Assistant Director, Finance-Sponsored Programs

Information and Technology Services - Carolyn Pappas, Program Manager, ITS

RAAC Update – Chris DeVries, RAAC Project Manager

Closing Remarks

RAN schedule for the rest of this Calendar Year:

<http://orsp.umich.edu/ran>

Ideas for a future meeting?

Contact ran-plans@umich.edu

Brought to you by the Research Administration Advisory Council (RAAC) Communications Subcommittee.



Welcome to RAN!

October 24, 2023

Research Administrators' Network (RAN) Meeting

Welcome!

RAAC Communications Subcommittee

- Christy Bohensky (ORSP)
- Jodi Caviani (Social Work)
- Kara Cristian (LSA)
- Constance Colthorp (ORSP/Spon Progs)
- Cindy Dames (ORSP)
- Lori Deromedi (UMOR)
- Kathy Devereux (UMOR)
- Chris DeVries (ORSP/Spon Progs)
- Amy Franklin (ITS)
- Prentiss Laich (Spon Progs)
- Cathy Liebowitz (ISR)
- Amy Lingle (Engineering)
- Sarena Nuttall (Engineering)
- Becky O'Brien (UMSI)
- Thomas Paluchniak (ORSP)
- Ashley Tyler (Spon Progs/OCA)

Meeting Notes & Details

- This event is being recorded. The presentation and slides will be posted to the RAN webpage.
- Zoom webinar - watch mode. Chat is disabled.
- You can submit questions via the Q&A function.
- Live captioning is turned on (you can disable this using your settings).
- We acknowledge that the University of Michigan is located on the territory of the Anishinaabe people.

Our Agenda

What we have planned for you today

- **Presentations:**
 - Procurement Services Optimization
 - RAAC Training
- **Updates:**
 - ORSP, Sponsored Programs, ITS, and RAAC

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

– Malcolm X

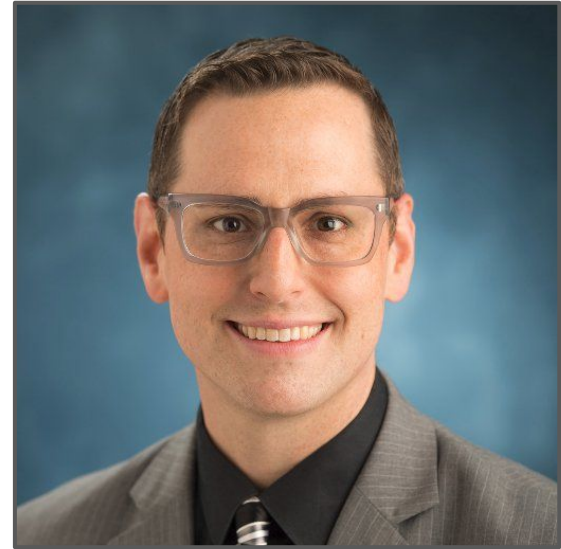
RA Community Kudos

Thanks to all who responded to our request for [Community Kudos!](#) If your name is listed below, we received specific feedback about your work, and we will include them in the meeting slides.

- Betty Agyei
- Sally Hojnacki
- Amy Holihan
- Laura Kaminski
- April Miller
- Jill Miller
- David Mulder
- Nancy Oeffner
- Nick Prieur
- Danielle Smith
- Kayleigh Stuchlik
- Helen Xu

Our Emcees - Nick Prieur, CRA

- Nick is a research administration senior manager, ISR
- RAAC Training Subcommittee Chair, long-time member; and Navigate instructor
- Regular presenter for SRAI and NCURA
- Nick enjoys travelling, drinking coffee, and reading.



Our Emcees - Melissa Li, CRA

- Melissa is a research administration manager, Orthopaedic Surgery
- RAAC Training Subcommittee Co-Chair, prior member of RAAC Communications Subcommittee, active member of RAAC DEI Workgroup, and co-lead of U-M's aiM Higher program
- Melissa is also an active member of NORDP
- She enjoys spending time with her family making dumplings or walking at Matthaei Botanical Gardens. She is also a longtime Zumba fan.





Procurement Services Optimization

October 24, 2023
RAN Meeting
Tally Thrasher



The image features a hand pointing at a central hexagon containing the word 'PROCUREMENT'. This central hexagon is surrounded by a network of other hexagons, each containing a different icon representing various business and procurement concepts. The icons include a magnifying glass, a clipboard with a checklist, a circular arrow with a dollar sign, a truck, a shopping bag with a plus sign, a warehouse with a forklift, a clock, a target, a bar chart, a handshake, a document, a padlock, a group of people, a gear, a speech bubble, a smartphone, a calculator, a globe, and a gear with an upward arrow. The background is a blurred image of a hand pointing at the central hexagon.

PROCUREMENT

The background of the slide is a photograph of Michigan Stadium, showing the blue seating, the green field, and the stadium's architecture under a blue sky with white clouds. Two large, semi-transparent colored shapes, a dark blue triangle on the left and a yellow triangle on the right, overlap the stadium image. The text is placed within these shapes.

Vision (someday)

Revolutionize the way higher education buys and sells goods and services. Moving past “best” to become what’s NEXT.

Mission (everyday)

Deliver services that power change through expertise, innovation, and relationships, so the university can focus on what it does best: making the world a better place.



Procurement Today



Reactive

Insufficient department engagement leads to frequent emergency purchasing situations



Compliance Focused

Can be viewed as a roadblock to progress



Transactional

Too much effort on low dollar, high volume, not enough focused on impactful projects and sourcing events



Inconsistent

Gartner Maturity Assessment: 2 on a scale of 1 -5



Spend Aggregation Opportunities

Very little managed spend compared to volume



Fragmented Systems

Myriad of non-integrated solutions lead to inefficiencies and frustration

Procurement Optimization

Advance business processes with enabling technologies, policies, and organizational structure that deliver a competitive advantage for the university, acting as a catalyst for the bold initiatives of Vision 2034.



Expense

Implement Chrome
River expense platform
(currently Concur)



Procurement

Re-implementation of
Jaggaer eProcurement
platform & bid threshold
proposal



Travel

Increase adoption rate
through program
enhancements



Reorganization

Align procurement to
excel in transactional,
strategic, and category
domains , bidding



Approach



Technology Optimization

Further leverage current top tier eProcurement platform and transition to expense tool recommended by RFP evaluation committee



Policy & Process Alignment

Deploy new functionalities, streamline operations and update policies to enhance customer service and satisfaction levels



ERP Preparation

Minimize user impact of ERP transition on procure-to-pay process and focus efforts on core finance/HR functions



Phased Rollout

Limited initial scope focused on end-to-end catalog transactions, sourcing, and contracting



Trusted Partnerships

Involvement throughout the project lifecycle from Michigan Medicine, ITS, SSC, suppliers, implementation partners, and campus partners



Change Management

Robust training and communication required to ensure internal and external stakeholders are prepared to adopt new solutions

Outcomes



Improve Service Levels & Reduce Administrative Burden

Create a customer-centric organization equipped with best in class tools designed to be a flexible, responsive partner. Allow faculty and staff to allocate more time to mission-aligned activities.



Efficiencies & Cost Reduction

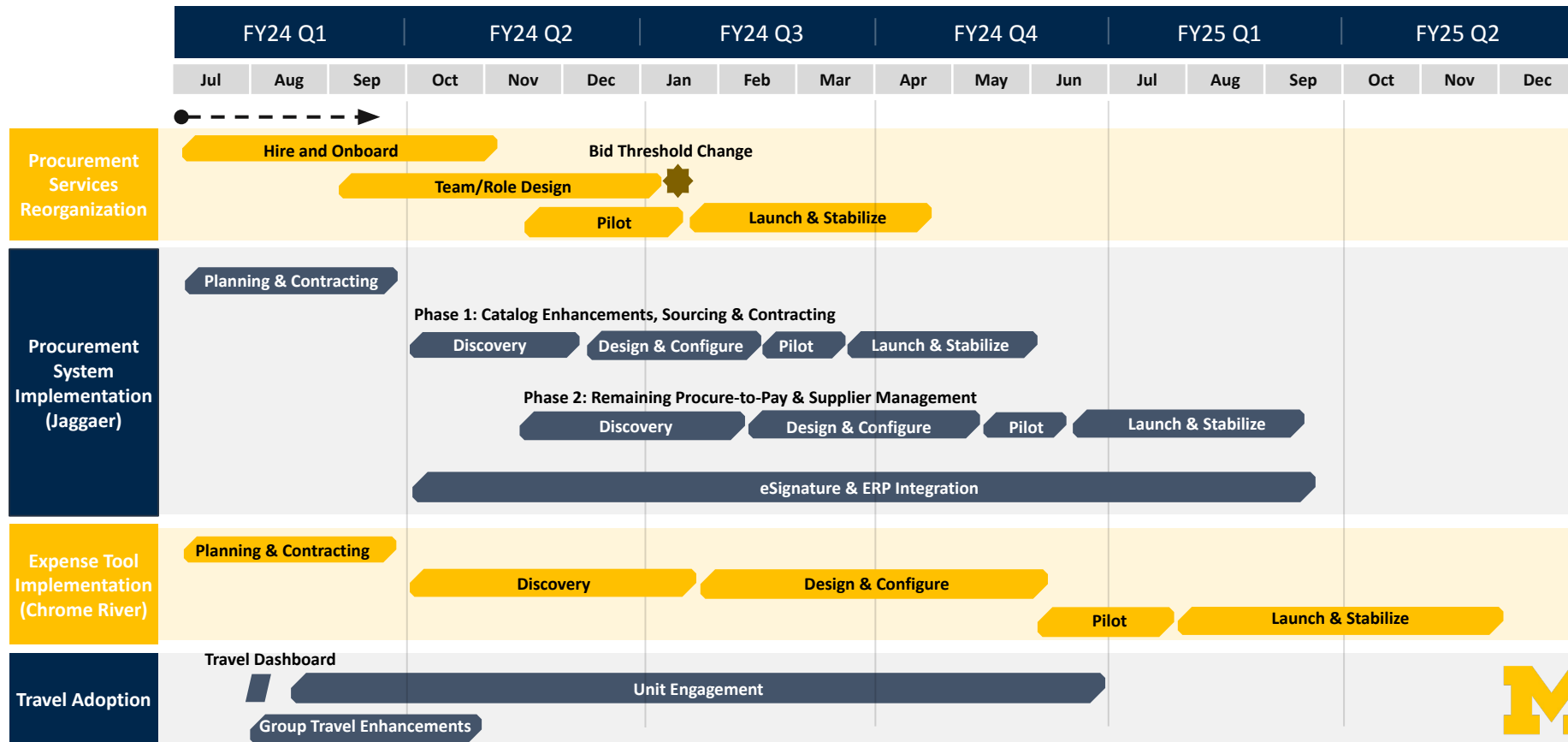
Streamline business processes by introducing modern technologies with improved user interfaces, increased reliability, and opportunities for automation. Increase capacity for strategic sourcing, while shifting transactional work to SSC.



Prepare for the Future & Adapt to Current Priorities

Improve current state and simplify technical landscape in advance of anticipated ERP implementation. Proposed timeline adapts to the Michigan Medicine workload & priority issues currently in-flight.

Procurement Optimization Roadmap



GO BLUE!



RAAC Training Resources for Research Administrators

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Nick Prier / Research Administration Senior Manager, ISR

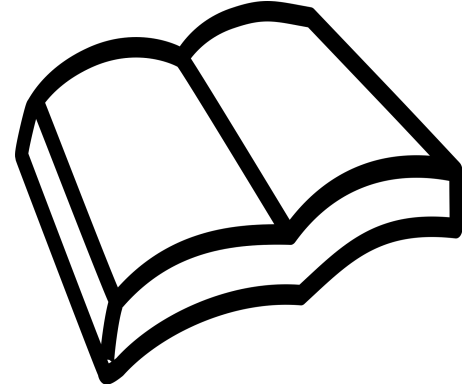
Melissa Li / Research Administration Manager, Orthopaedic Surgery

RAAC Training Charge

The RAAC Training Subcommittee will **inventory and assess current training programs available** within and beyond the U-M research administration community.

The subcommittee will **conduct needs analyses** to identify training gaps, recommend new training, and participate in the development of new training using a variety of training delivery modes.

Subcommittee members will also participate in working groups to **support the ongoing professional development** of the research administration community.



RAAC Training Membership

- Mindy Alguire (LSA)
- Amy Brooks (Engineering)
- Betsy Brouhard (Medical School)
 - Heather Offhaus substituting
- Aaron Campbell (Spon. Prog.)
- Kate Chie (ORSP)
- Laura Coddington (Spon. Prog.)
- Cindy Dames (ORSP)
- Lori Deromedi (OVPR)
- Chris DeVries (RAAC)
- Lyn Fyfe (Spon. Prog.)
- Cathy Howell (SPH)
- Kirby Jewell (Ford School)
- Jonah Lee (Animal Care and Use)
- Melissa Li, Co-Chair (Medical School)
- Susan Powell (Engineering)
- Nick Prieur, Chair (ISR)
- Amanda Reel (ORSP)
- Raquel Silvius (Spon. Prog.)
- Pat Turnbull (U-M Dearborn)
- Corene Weiland (Education)

We would like to recognize
those RAAC Training
members in attendance
today!



Screenshot courtesy of Danielle Smith

Thanks to our volunteers!

- We have had **over 100 volunteers** since we launched Navigate.
- We could not do it without all of you!
- We are including a [link to a list of all volunteers](#) - thank you!



NAVIGATE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



NAVIGATE PROGRAM

Research Administration
Training and Resources

Navigate Course Offerings

ORSP and Sponsored Programs have partnered to provide a **collection of training opportunities and professional development resources** for research administrators covering the entire research project lifecycle.

We are pleased to share an overview of the Navigate opportunities with you today!



Navigate Instructor-Led Courses



- Fundamentals
- Budgeting Basics for Sponsored Projects
- Advanced Budgeting:
Task-Based Budgets
- Subs of All Kinds
- Uniform Guidance Cost Principles

<http://orsp.umich.edu/training-workshops/instructor-led-courses>

Navigate Instructor-Led Courses

Fundamentals

- Intended for newer research administrators.
- Crafted to follow the workflow and business process of the sponsored research project lifecycle.
- Generally offered 2 times per year.
- Ten half-day sessions.

<http://orsp.umich.edu/training-workshops/instructor-led-courses>

Budgeting Basics for Sponsored Projects

- Intended for newer research administrators.
- Generally offered 1 time per year.
- Two half-day sessions
- **Currently open for registration through November 10, 2023.**

Advanced Budgeting: Task-Based Budgets

- Intended for intermediate research administrators.
- Generally offered 2 times per year.
- Two half-day sessions.

Navigate Instructor-Led Courses

Subs of All Kinds

- Recommended for research administrators with minimal knowledge of subcontracts and subprojects
- Offered 2 times per year.
- **Currently open for registration through November 10, 2023.**
- Two half-day sessions.

Uniform Guidance Cost Principles

- Designed to help plan and manage federally-sponsored projects to meet Uniform Guidance requirements.
- Generally offered 2 times per year.
- Two half-day sessions.

<http://orsp.umich.edu/training-workshops/instructor-led-courses>

Navigate Webinars



- Past webinar sessions are available on-demand, covering a range of pre- and post-award topics.
- **Upcoming webinars:**
 - **November** – Non-Financial Federal Sponsor Reporting and eRPM Manage Deliverables.
 - **December** – Cost Sharing
- **Visit** this website to register:
<http://orsp.umich.edu/training-workshops/webinars>

Navigate E-ssentials eLearning Modules



<http://orsp.umich.edu/navigate/e-ssentials>

- Self-paced eLearning modules available in [MyLINC](#) covering a variety of topics related to research administration at U-M.
- Address common tasks, concepts, and business processes and provide resources and job aids to assist research administrators.

Navigate E-ssentials eLearning Modules

Develop Proposal

- Proposal Prep and Submission
- Costs of All Kinds
- Cost Sharing
- Understanding Effort
- Effort Certification

Manage Project

- Financial Monitoring
- Award Modification
- Cost Transfers

Closeout Project

- Pre-Closeout Analysis
- Project Closeout
- Financial Status Report (FSR)

Additional Topics

- Introduction to Department of Defense (DoD) Sponsored Projects
- Cost Accounting Standards
- Sponsor Reporting: Research Administrator Best Practices for Supporting Compliance
- Project/Grant Chartfield Overview
- Uniform Guidance Cost Principles
- Monitoring Capital Equipment
- GSRA & Postdoc Appointments
- Stewardship

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Research Administration Mentoring Program (RAMP↑)



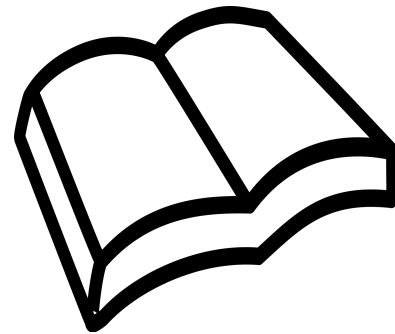
RAMP↑ RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION
MENTORING PROGRAM

NAVIGATING RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

- Piloted the first cohort in 2014-2015.
- Currently matching the 8th cohort, for 2023-2024.
- As of the 7th cohort, **95 mentees** and **68 mentors** have contributed to the program.

<https://orsp.umich.edu/tools-resources/navigate-professional-development-and-training/research-administration-mentoring>

RAAC Training Future Initiatives



- Find ways to address **different work arrangements** and deliver content accordingly.
- Address **training gaps and opportunities** that arise from changing sponsor requirements and University policy.
- Further incorporate **professional development** opportunities at U-M – RAMP↑, aiM Higher, CRA Victors, etc.
- Create **meaningful engagement opportunities** for subcommittee members and workgroup/taskforce volunteers.

We can use your help!

- If you are interested in participating in any of the following tasks, please contact Nick, Melissa, Raquel, or Chris!
 - ★ Be an instructor for Navigate courses and webinars
 - ★ Help develop Navigate courses/materials
 - ★ Join a Navigate working group
 - ★ Earn [CRA contact hours!](#)



Thank you!



ORSP Update

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Andrea Anderson / Associate Director, ORSP

Agency Updates

Photo Credit:

Stanford University Website. No photographer listed.



Carolyn Bertozzi: Bertozzi was awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize in chemistry for her development of bioorthogonal reactions, which allow scientists to explore cells and track biological processes without disrupting the normal chemistry of the cell. Bertozzi is an open lesbian, leading the way as a role model for others in science and academia.

NSF: Use SciENcv for Current & Pending

NSF is mandating the use of SciENcv for the preparation of Current and Pending (Other) Support (C&P / OS) information, effective for new proposals.

To get started, faculty researchers should:

1. Login to **Research.gov**.
2. Set up **My Bibliography**.
3. Create an **NSF Biosketch in SciENcv**.
4. **Delegate access** to research administrators.
5. Work with RA to **identify projects** (or outside **consulting** that involves the design, conduct, or reporting of research) and **in-kind resources** that need to be included.



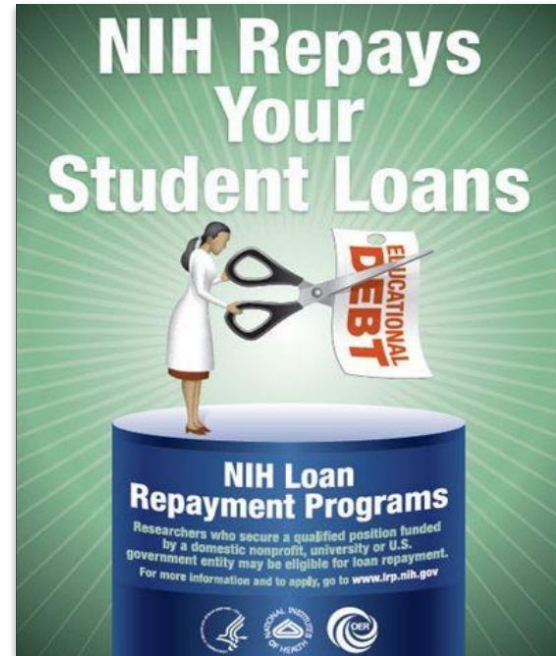
The ORSP website offers a list of resources to learn more.

NIH: DMS Changes Require 30+ Days Prior Approval

- Reminder: Any changes to an approved Data Management and Sharing Plan (DMS) Plan require prior approval.
- **To request prior approval, project teams need to:**
 - Create an Award Change Request (ACR) in the eResearch Proposal Management System (eRPM).
 - ORSP will submit the request using the Prior Approval Module in eRA Commons.
 - The request must be submitted by ORSP as we are the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) for U-M, and hold the SO role in eRA Commons.
 - Plan ahead to get this to ORSP please. NIH wants this at least 30 days in advance of the requested change.

NIH Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

- Application cycle open until November 16.
- ORSP and NIH recommend completing the **Colleague Information** section of the application **at least two weeks before** the submission deadline. (*That's this week!*)
- List **Amanda Reel** of ORSP as Institutional Business Official (**IBO**) on applications.
 - Use her Commons ID (**REELA1**) in all caps.
 - Questions? Email reela@umich.edu



Updated Statement of Collaborative Intent

- To comply with Department of Energy (DOE), NSF, and upcoming NIH guidelines, ORSP and OCA collaborated to update our Subrecipient Statement of Collaborative Intent Form (also known as a Letter of Commitment or Letter of Intent).
- You can find this on the ORSP website.

Subrecipient Statement of Collaborative Intent

Part I: To be completed by all subrecipients/subcontractors

All subrecipients, as well as potential subcontractors who anticipate funding under a federal or non-federal contract, should complete this form when participating as a subrecipient or subcontractor in a proposal submitted by the University of Michigan. This form provides a checklist of documents and certifications required by prime sponsors, and if it is completed, it must be endorsed by the subrecipient's authorized institutional representative prior to proposal submission.

1. UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROPOSAL INFORMATION - PASS-THROUGH ENTITY (PTE)

PTE PI: _____ Prime Sponsor: _____
PTE Proposal Number: _____ If Prime Sponsor is NIH: (1) Is this an MPI project? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(2) Is the subrecipient a foreign entity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. SUBRECIPIENT PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Legal Name: _____ Authorized Official Name: _____
Address: _____ Authorized Official Email: _____
Phone Number: _____ Authorized Official Phone #: _____
Subrecipient PI Email: _____ Financial Contact Name: _____
Place of Performance: _____ Financial Contact Email: _____
Congressional District: _____ Project Title: _____
UCI Number: _____ Total Request Amount: _____
Subrecipient Proposal: _____

3. PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

The following documents are included in our subaward proposal and covered by the certifications below:

☐ Scope of Work (Required) ☐ Facilities & Other Resources
☐ Budget and Justification (Required) ☐ Cost Sharing Amount (if applicable): _____
☐ Biographical Sketches ☐ Other: _____

4. CERTIFICATIONS

Documentation of Subrecipient's approval(s) may be required

Subrecipient's Scope of Work Includes:

☐ Human Subjects ☐ Recombinant DNA
☐ If human subjects are involved, have all key personnel completed human subjects training? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC) For a list of applicable agents, see page 3 of NIH policy
☐ Vertebrate Animals ☐ Large Scale Human or Non-Human Genomic Data (if NIH)
☐ Custom made antibodies For applicability, please refer to NOT-OD-16-126. Documentation of an approved consent form and Institutional Certification will be required prior to the award, at the "Just in Time" stage.
☐ Human induced pluripotent or Human Embryonic Stem Cells

5. FDP Clearinghouse

Does the subrecipient entity participate in the FDP Clearinghouse? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, complete this page and sign below.
(Do not complete Part II of this form.)

If NO, complete both Parts I and II of this form and sign below.

If the Prime Awarding Sponsor is the National Institutes of Health, we, the subrecipient organization, agree to abide by all requirements of the NIH Final Updated Policy Guidance for Subaward/Consortium Written Agreements (NOT-OD-23-182), and will provide access to copies of all lab notebooks, all data, and all documentation that supports the research outcomes as described in the progress report, to the primary recipient with a frequency of no less than once per year, in alignment with the timing requirements for Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR) submission. Such access may be entirely electronic.

By signing below, I certify that I am an authorized institutional representative and the information and representations made herein are true, accurate and complete. The appropriate programmatic and administrative personnel involved in this application are aware of all sponsor policies regarding subrecipients and are prepared to establish the necessary inter-institutional agreements consistent with those policies. Any work begun under the award prior to execution of a subaward agreement are at the subrecipient's own risk.

Signature of Subrecipient's Authorized Institutional Official _____ Name and Title of Subrecipient's Authorized Institutional Official _____

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Guidance, a limited-scope audit

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commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements or receiving stolen property;

has ☐ has not within 3 years preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any federal agency.

On the Home Front



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Staff Updates - Departures/Hiring

- **Open Positions**

- 4 Associate Pre-Award Officer Positions
- Senior Project Manager

- **Interviewing**

- Executive Director, Sponsored Projects
- Director, Operations & Administration
- 1 Support Staff

Promotions

- **Project Representative**
 - Caitlin Nagler
 - Gabrielle Hammoud
 - Michele Quick
- **Senior Project Representatives**
 - Kate Chie
 - Thomas Paluchniak



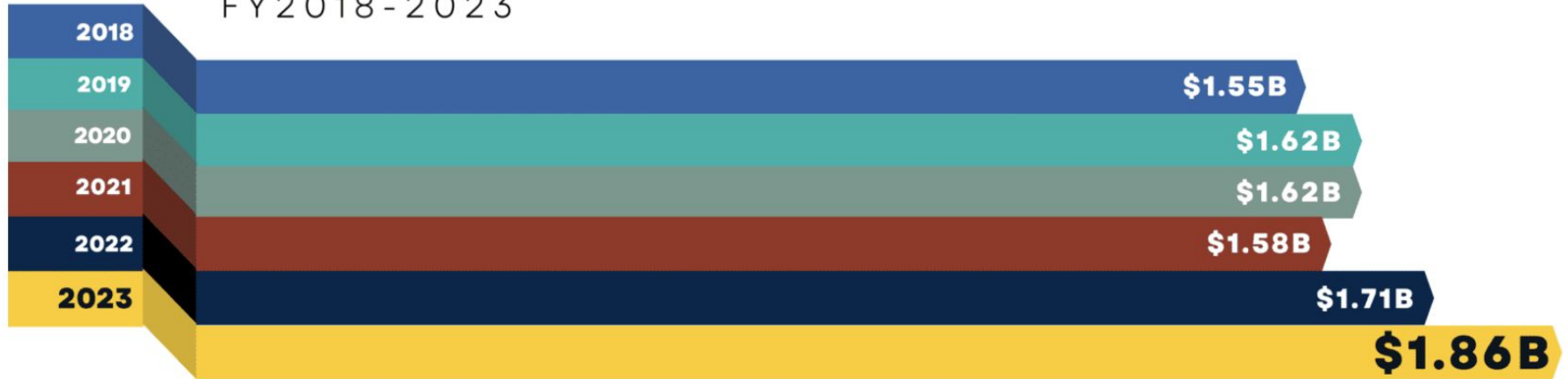
Welcome to the Team

- **Rob Krasa**
 - Asst Project Representative, Government Team (Kellie Buss's Blue team)
- **Ute Lowery**
 - Project Representative, Private Team (Joe Johnson's Maize team)
- **Tiffany Smithers**
 - Asst Project Representative, Private Team (Emily Baxter's Blue team)
- **Kristy Watkins**
 - Asst Project Representative, Private Team (Joe Johnson's Maize team)
- **Jessica Spurgeon**
 - Support Staff (Tracy Schwab's team)
- **Justin Donald**
 - Eric Ward's DUA team

A new record for U-M

Total U-M Research Expenditures

FY2018-2023



ORSP FY 2023 Facts & Figures

7,548

All proposal activity reviewed and submitted

2,784

All Award activity processed through ORSP

1,957

Unfunded Agreements executed by ORSP (nondisclosure, data use, etc.)

Questions?



Sponsored Programs Update

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Kris Beckon / Reporting Assistant Director

Audits



- UG audit update
 - FY23 focus
 - Student Aid
 - COVID Funds

Uniform Guidance Proposed Changes

- We're reviewing the proposed changes and once finalized we'll start looking at how UM will implement them

Procurement Bid Threshold

- The new threshold will go into effect early 2024
- Watch for updates from Procurement

NIH Updated Grants Policy Guidance for Foreign Subawards

- NIH revising Section 15.2 of the Grants Policy Statement effective January 1, 2024.
- Will require foreign subrecipients to provide **access** to copies of all lab notebooks, data and documentation that supports the research outcomes as described in the Research Performance Progress Report to the prime recipient **no less than once per year**.
- Additional communication and guidance will be published in the coming weeks to the research community.

Financial Status Reports



**2,023 reports due
by December 31**

We need your help.

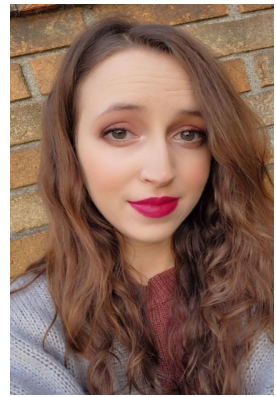
Review and return reports as
soon as possible.

Keep track of your reports
coming due.

Roughly 1,016 to go

Personnel Updates

- New Reporting area staff
 - Ellie Arendt
 - Robert Baker
 - Amanda Bradbury
 - Catherine Spence
 - Ling Zhang
- Staff promotion
 - Josh Jensen - promoted to Reporting Supervisor





ITS Update

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Carolyn Pappas / Program Manager, ITS

Proposal Management Updates

- eRPM - October 2, 2023
 - [eRPM RAPid](#)
- eRPM - tentatively early December, 2023
- SF424 (Grants.gov) - early 2024





M-Reports Update


eRPM October Updates



- Proposal Approval Form (PAF) Document Uploaders
 - Enabled drag and drop capability throughout PAF worksheet, where technically possible


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[Sponsor Guidelines](#) ?

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eRPM October Updates



- Award Change Request (ACR)
 - Status map updated with additional details
 - who needs to take action to run the “Sign ACR” or “Approve ACR” activity
 - name of pending investigator or PI
 - “Post A Comment” activity allows for the selection of new PI or Investigator

▼ Status map



Project Team



Unit Review

Action:
Investigator(s)

Investigator signature(s) required. To sign, run the Sign ACR activity.

Pending Investigator Signature(s):
Ina Investigator

▼ Status map



Project Team



Unit Review

Action: PI

PI review in progress. Once complete, run the Approve ACR activity.

Pending PI Approval(s):
Paula PI

eRPM SF424 Updates

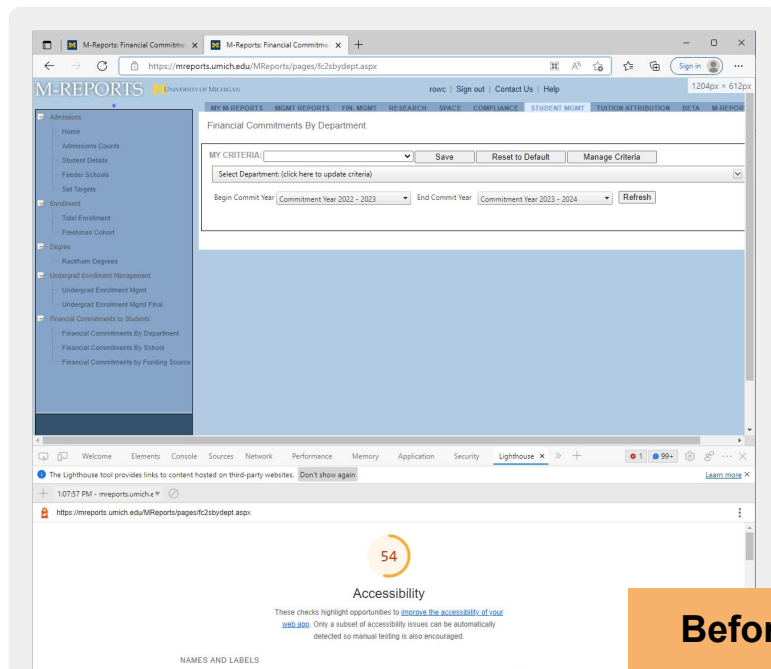


- New SF424 forms & bug fixes from vendor in early November
 - Needs to be internally tested prior to implementation in eRPM
 - Earliest date would be January 2024

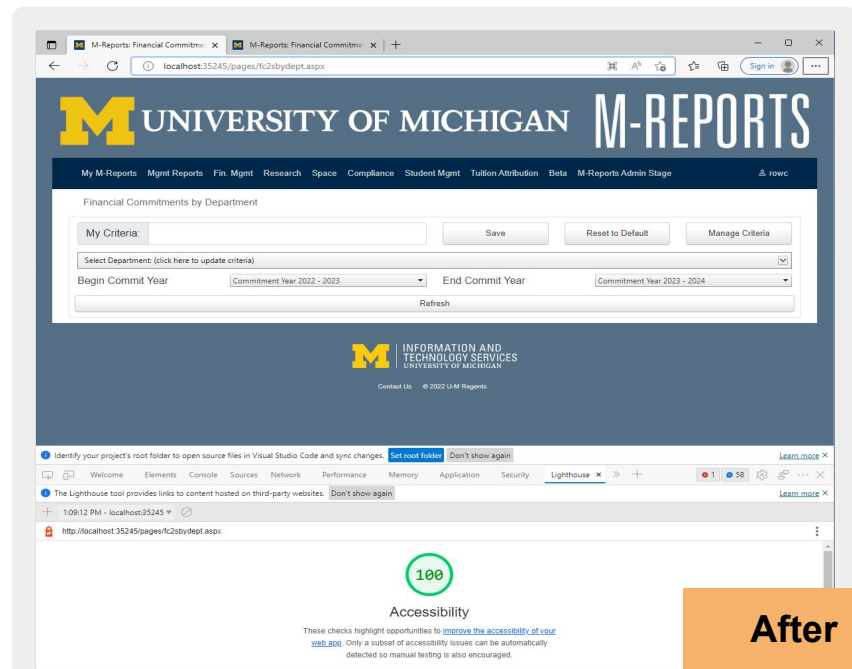
- Form support for agencies to allow for system-to-system submission from eRPM:
 - Department of Education
 - Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
 - Economic Development Administration (EDA)

Mreports: Modernizing the User Interface

Announcement: We are modernizing the Mreports user interface to be more accessible to screen reader technologies and comply better with UM's Accessibility SPG. *We are targeting November 2023 for this update.*



Before



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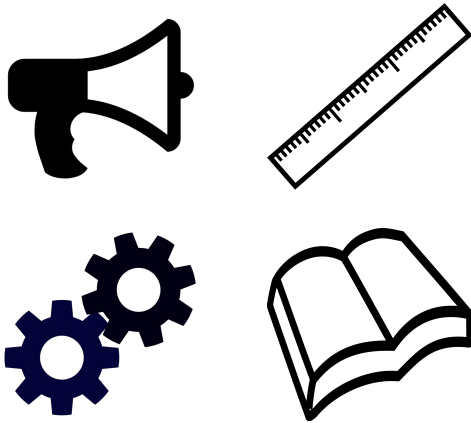
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Chris DeVries / RAAC Project Manager

RAAC Chairs Update



- Since the May RAN meeting, we have onboarded a new RAAC Training Chair (Nick Prieur) and Co-Chair (Melissa Li).
- RAAC Training used a membership interest survey to determine how members would like to get involved; we are looking at ways to implement this with other subcommittees.

2022 RAAC Survey Update

A reminder that we conducted a survey of research administrators during the Fall of 2022. In response to the survey, we have:

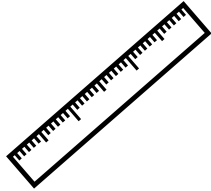
- Shared RAAC Metrics resources at the May 2023 RAN Meeting.
- RAAC Process has prioritized XX suggestions for improvement.
- RAAC Training is looking to meet the varying work arrangements of research administrators.

Virtual Networking



- Thanks to those who attended our sessions over the summer!
- We had over **300 attendees** across the four sessions listed below:
 - June 2023 – Slack Tips & Tricks
 - August 2023 – GSRA Appointments, Part 2
 - September 2023 – Other Support
- We are planning for ways to share the resources and questions from the sessions broadly.

M-Reports Upgrade Project



- ITS is undertaking an effort to revamp and upgrade M-Reports.
- RAAC has established a work group to help liaise between ITS and the units.
- Currently, ITS is gathering use cases; as opportunities for engagement come up, we will ask the RAAC workgroup to help gather volunteers.

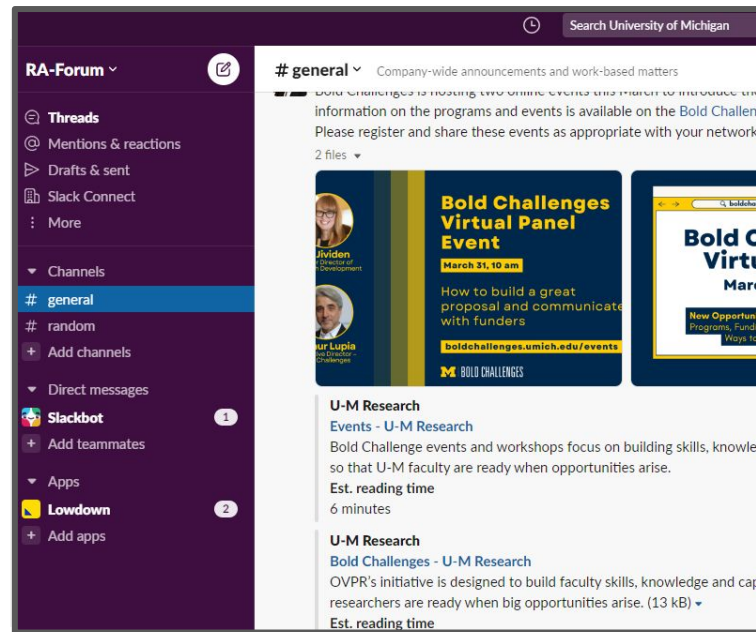
RAAC DEI Workgroup



- We are planning a year-end newsletter and please contact raac.dei.help@umich.edu and request to subscribe.
- We are actively planning for sharing inclusive hiring practices resources and perhaps opportunities for engagement.

Don't forget to join us on Slack!

- We continue to grow the RA Forum on Slack.
- Announcements, job postings, sharing resources and best practices, getting to know other RAs, and more!
- um-orsp-ra-forum.slack.com



Screenshot of a post from the RA Forum on Slack.

Thank you!

Thank You for Attending RAN!

Thank you to our guest emcees and presenters, the RAAC Training subcommittee, the RAAC Communications subcommittee, and to you for joining us today.

Stay connected on the Research Administrators' Forum on Slack, and Virtual Networking sessions.

RAN 2024! Next RAN meeting will be in February - details to come

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."

Abigail Adams



Professional Development Updates

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Research Administrators' Network (RAN) Meeting

National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA)



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NCURA Region IV

- The 2024 NCURA Region IV Spring Meeting will in Ann Arbor, MI.
 - April 28-May 1, 2024.
 - Accepting proposal submissions through **November 20, 2023**. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2WYT97Y>.
- Call for nominations for travel and service awards is forthcoming.
- Call for board member nominations is forthcoming.

Visit ncuraregioniv.com for more information

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NCURA National

- Next NCURA Annual Meeting – August 4-7, 2024, in Washington, DC.
 - Proposal submission deadline is **November 13, 2023**.
 - Presenters receive a 20% registration discount.

Go to ncura.edu for more information

Society of Research Administrators International (SRAI)



- The SRAI Midwest and Western Sections will be holding a joint conference in Palm Springs, CA from **April 2-5, 2024**.
 - Proposals are being accepted through **December 8, 2023**.
 - Visit this site for more information:
<https://www.srainternational.org/2024westernmidwestmeeting/home>

National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP)



NORDP National

- Virtual conference – [NORDP ReCON: ForwaRD!](#) will take place November 1-3, 2023.
- Spring 2024 conference is planned for April 28-May 1, 2024 in Bellevue, WA.

Go to nordp.org or nordpnews.org for more information.



Additional Announcements

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Navigate Training Information

Navigate: Budgeting Basics for Sponsored Projects

The next session of [Navigate: Budgeting Basics for Sponsored Projects](#) will take place on November 29 and December 6 (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day).

Register by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2023.

Additional Training Resources

- [Navigate E-ssentials eLearning Modules](#) available anytime.
- Access the [Navigate Video Resources](#) page to view recordings of previous webinars, lunch & learn sessions and more.





Kudos and Thanks!

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Kudos and Thanks!

Nick Prieur received the SRAI Best Coffee Talk Award at the recent SRAI meeting.

-Cathy Liebowitz

David Mulder for excellent and helpful communication with me on several recent complex COI issues.

-Joe Johnson

Kaileigh Stuchlik joined the department over a year ago. She's been working tirelessly to support the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery's research administration. Since her arrival, Kaileigh has significantly enhanced the post-award support to the faculty. Also, she played a critical role in submitting an over \$60 million grant in the summer. She worked above and beyond, and made the submission as smooth as possible within a short period of time. We appreciate your support and hard work, Kaileigh!

-Melissa Li

Kudos and Thanks! (cont.)

I would like to send a very special thanks in appreciation of the significant effort and expertise of the LSI Research Administration team of **Danielle Smith**, **Jill Miller**, **Helen Xu** and **Amy Holihan**. This team is critical to maintaining the lifecycle of our institute's impactful discovery research. They are all quick and strategic thinkers, with a keen focus on assisting our community of students, staff, fellows, faculty and collaborators.

-Anna Schork

I'd like to give a huge shout out to the entire research administration team from the Survey Methodology Program at ISR (**Nancy Oeffner**, **April Miller**, **Sally Hojnacki**, and **Betty Agyei**) for their amazing hard work and attention to detail that helps SMP faculty and staff do their jobs on a daily basis. I'm happy to be supported by such an excellent team.

-Brady West

Kudos and Thanks! (cont.)

Laura Kaminski has been the primary SAPOC for UM Poverty Solutions' (PI Kristen Seefeldt) contract with the City of Ann Arbor for a pilot guaranteed basic income project entitled, "Increasing Economic Security through Payments to Small Business Entrepreneurs." In addition to assisting the project team with successfully submitting and winning the contract, Laura has proactively worked with the PI, ORSP and the City to launch the ambitious study while simultaneously navigating numerous unforeseen challenges each step of the way. The project has gained national recognition for its innovative approach to rectify structural inequities and support those who were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. PI Seefeldt has even referred to Laura as an 'honorary PI' for her tireless work and dedication to the project. Thank you, Laura!

-Maryclaire Ellis