## Succeeding in Academic Research: Let the VPR's Office Help You

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## Congratulations!

You got the job

(it was competitive and you succeeded).

Celebrate your success.

Ok, that's enough....

Now the real work begins.



## How should you spend your time?

- Research
- Teaching
- Service / Outreach

### Know what

- You value
- Your professional community values
- K–State Values
- Your department values



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- How to start?
- How to succeed?





Plan your career actively and early. Identify emerging research areas and think about how you can position yourself.



## K-State Research





## Publish, publish, publish.

Within a university you are measured by the number of research papers you produce, so write as many as possible.



Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

**PreAward Services** 

Research Compliance Office Office of Corporate Engagement

Karen Burg,
Vice President
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Kansas State
University Research
Foundation

#### **Operations**

- Biosecurity Research Institute
- Biotechnology Core Laboratory
- Comparative Medicine Group
- Electronics Design
   Laboratory
- National Agricultural Biosecurity Center



Obtaining funding is difficult, but that is part of the job.
It is not an issue to fail; the issue is not to try.



## Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

- Finding funding opportunities
- Training on how to write proposals
- Help with larger, multidisciplinary submissions
  - Teaming and logistics
  - Management plans
  - Finding diversity/education resources
- Communicating your research
- Two small seed funding programs (First Monday in October & March)
- Contact Mary Lou Marino <u>mlmarino@ksu.edu</u>



# Get yourself a mentor; who will ask those awkward questions and provide guidance.



### **PreAward Services**

- Proposal submission support
  - 7 grant administrators assigned by discipline
  - Help with sponsor submission requirements
  - Help upload submission and assure completeness
  - Budget development support
  - Authorized to submit your proposals
- Contract/subcontract development and signoff
- Contract negotiations
- Contact Paul Lowe <u>plowe@ksu.edu</u>



## Research Compliance Office

- Animal Care and Use (IACUC)
- Human Subjects (IRB)
- Biosafety Committee (IBC)
- Export controls
- Responsible conduct of research
- Training modules
- Contact Heath Ritter <u>hlr@ksu.edu</u>



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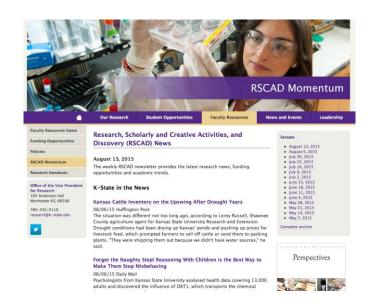
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### Information sources

- K-State Today
- RSCAD Momentum
- Funding Connection (website and listserv)
- www.k-state.edu/research



## Don't sit in a corner, get involved...



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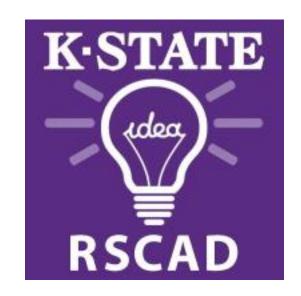


## We're here to help!

### Contact us

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- PAS: 532-6804, <a href="www.k-state.edu/orsp/preaward">www.k-state.edu/orsp/preaward</a>
- URCO: 532-3224, www.k-state.edu/comply





Take every opportunity to network, travel, present your work and meet people. Relationships take a while to build but it sometimes takes only one important meeting to change the direction and nature of your career!

