



Message from VPRA, Dr. Robert Nobles



Greetings and welcome to Spring! As many of you are returning or anticipating a Spring break, I hope that the time you take allows you to rest, reflect and rejuvenate for a strong finish to the academic year. As I look at your phenomenal efforts and the progress we've made as an institution in research awards to date, I am excited to share that each month we have surpassed where we were this time last year and are heading for another record-breaking year! Emory has experienced close to 50% growth in the past five years, which is a testament to your innovation and the collaboration amongst administrators to support research successes. I've attached a link to the latest data on awards and proposals and hope that you are as proud as I am of the growth of our research enterprise at Emory.

With the growth that we are experiencing, our offices have been busy identifying ways to increase efficiency and improve our services and support to the institution. [Read More](#)

Featured Event

18th OTT Annual Celebration of Technology & Innovation



Save the Date

18th Annual Celebration of Technology and Innovation

Thursday, March 21, 2024 | 5 - 7:30 p.m.
Emory Conference Center - Silverbell Pavilion | 1615 Clifton Road NE

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.

For additional information, contact Jessica Beach at omarket@emory.edu.

When: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM ET

The Office of Technology Transfer's Annual Celebration of Technology & Innovation is back!

Join us **Thursday, March 21 from 5-7:30 p.m.** for our 18th year of honoring the technologies, innovations, and inventors who made remarkable achievements in 2023.

This year's awardees span across the university, including the Schools of Medicine and Nursing, Pediatrics, Biomedical Engineering, and the College of Arts and Sciences.



18th Annual Celebration Awardees



Deal of the Year | *Modulators of Liver receptor Homolog-1 (LRH-1) [IBD, Metabolic Diseases & Cancer]*
Eric Ortlund, PhD

Innovation of the Year | *A Bio-Inspired Skin Interface Method for Continuous Access to Blood for Measurement and Therapy*
David Myers, PhD; Nicholas Au Yong, MD, PhD; Priscilla Delgado

Start-Up of the Year | *KeyStrike*
Ymir Vigfússon, PhD

Significant Event of the Year | *ARPA-H Funding*
Philip Santangelo, PhD

Corporate Partnership of the Year | *Honeywell*
Wilbur Lam, MD, PhD; Vivien Sheehan, PhD; Kirby Fibben; Evelyn Kendall Williams; Erica Evans; Christina Caruso

EmpowHER Award
Louise Hecker, PhD

Inclusivity, Diversity, and Equity Award (IDEAward) | *Low English Proficiency Nurse Communication Tool*
Morgan Greenleaf; Santiago Arconada Alvarez; Wilbur Lam, MD, PhD; Christina Calamaro, PhD; Michael Fundora, MD

If you are able to and would like to attend, you may RSVP for the event below.

Please feel free to share the RSVP link and Save the Date with anyone in your network.

We hope you see you there!

[RSVP Link](#)

Occupational Health Services (OHS)

Authors: Dr. Javier Valle, Medical Director, OHS & Cynthia Holbrook, Corporate Director, OHS

Occupational Health Services (OHS) is the medical branch of an occupational and environmental health partnership with the Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) to ensure the health and safety of the Emory community. Both branches directly support the Office of Research Administration (ORA) in providing Emory research faculty and staff with clinical services in cases of workplace injuries or exposures to hazardous agents, guidance and training on mitigating workplace hazards, oversight and support in maintaining compliance with local, state, and federal regulations; as well as protection of our environment. OHS and EHSO actively participate in the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), and the Research Health and Safety Committee (RHSC) and provide expert advice on mitigating potential health and environmental hazards related to the safe conduct of research protocols where chemical and/or biologic agents are employed in animal and human studies. [Read More](#)

OTT Plans to Introduce New and Improved Process for Outgoing Low-Risk DUAs



Authors: Asher Alt, Marketing Specialist (OTT) & Jess Beach, Marketing Specialist (OTT)

Most outgoing data use agreements (DUAs) leaving Emory are classified as low-risk. To streamline and expedite their processing times, OTT will be implementing a new strategy: giving Emory PIs and research teams control of executing these types of contracts.

The Background

Last year, the Office of Technology Transfer started handling all outgoing DUAs for Emory University. While this increased the number of contracts for OTT, it simplified the process and put DUAs in the hands of people who specialize in the issues involved in this kind of contract.

Low-risk DUAs are typically easy to process, but they can fill up our pipeline quickly. This new, simplified approach will reduce cycle time and will give PIs and their research teams more control over the timeline. As long as we receive complete and accurate packages from our faculty partners – which includes the faculty member's attestations – we will be able to get their DUAs out the door in around 1-2 days. [Read More](#)

RCRA Minimizing Administrative Burden While Maintaining Compliance

Author: Deepika Bhatia, AVP, RCRA

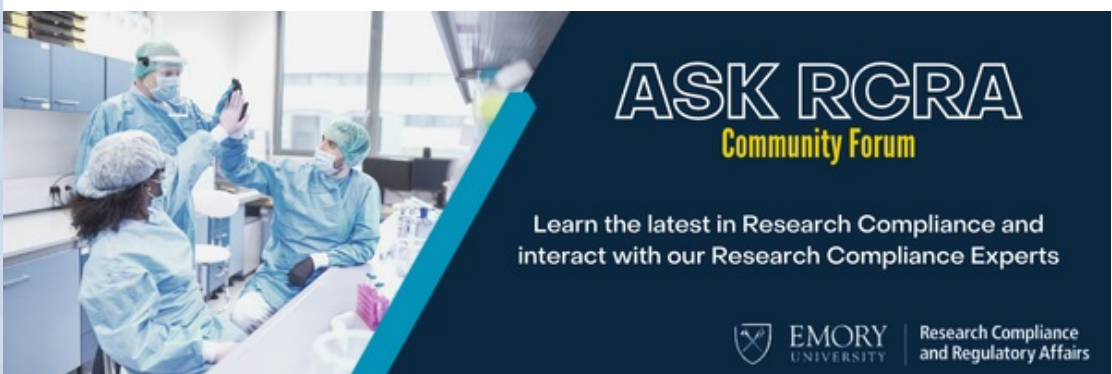
Minimizing administrative burden in research while ensuring compliance with regulations is a critical challenge for research compliance teams. Here are a few strategies from the Emory Research Compliance & Regulatory Affairs (RCRA) team to achieve this balance:

Operationalizing streamlined processes, efficient communications to relevant stakeholders early and often, striving for an approach to balance enabling research while also adhering to research regulations and upholding research integrity.

Illustrated below are some proven examples from RCRA teams to support our researchers, administrators and partners in Schools and departments. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

RCRA - "Ask RCRA" Monthly Community Forum



Thursday, March 21, 2024

12:00PM - 1:00PM ET

Event Description: The Office of Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs (RCRA) is delighted to invite you to our monthly "Ask RCRA" community forum! Please join us for important research compliance information, including regulatory updates and institutional changes in policies and procedures.

Questions: Do you have any questions we can answer during the session? Please submit questions to: researchcompliance@emory.edu or aaliyah.saran.van.de.cruize@emory.edu

[Register Now](#)

Thursdays at Three (T@3): Research Webinar Series



Office of the Senior Vice President for Research

THURSDAYS AT 3 RESEARCH WEBINAR SERIES

Thursdays at Three (T@3) is a virtual research webinar series that will provide short, focused training opportunities on key research topics for Emory faculty, post-docs, and research administrators.

Seed Grant Recipients



Madeleine Hackney

Associate Professor Department of Medicine

"Rhythmic Movement Training Elicits High Motor-Cognitive Exertion and Improves Spatiotemporal Gait Modulation in Older Adults with and without Mild Cognitive Improvement"



Meghan Kazanski

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Department of Medicine



Benson Ku

Assistant Professor Department of Medicine

"The Urban Exposome and Persistently Distressing Psychotic-like Experiences among Adolescents"

Thursday, March 21, 2024

3:00PM - 4:00PM ET

Series Description: Thursdays at Three (T@3) is a virtual research webinar series that will provide short, focused training opportunities on key research topics for Emory faculty, post-docs, and research administrators.

Audience: Appropriate for Emory faculty, post-docs, and research administrators.

[Register Here](#)

ORA Boot Camp – Boot Camp for Emory Research Administration Professionals



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Research Administration

ORA Boot Camp: The Alphabet Soup of Non-Financial Research Agreements: MTAs, DUAs, CDAs, and CRAs



Rajsekhar Guddneppanavar, Ph.D

Assistant Director, Licensing
OTT

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

12:00PM - 1:00PM ET

Session Description: This session will equip you with the knowledge and skills to navigate the world of research agreements, focusing on four key types: Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs), Data Use Agreements (DUAs), Confidential Disclosure Agreements (CDAs), and Collaborative Research Agreements (CRAs).

Objectives:

Describe each agreement type
Identify how the Office of Technology Transfer evaluates agreements to ensure compliance and protection of research interests
Gain practical guidance on submitting agreements for review

Presented By: Rajsekhar Guddneppanavar, Ph.D, Assistant Director, Licensing, Office of Technology Transfer

Level: Basic/Overview

Audience: Research administrators, investigators, and anyone involved in research collaborations

About ORA Boot Camp

ORA Boot Camp is high-intensity interval training on research administration processes at Emory University. ORA Boot Camp is designed to increase functional knowledge and skills in Emory research administration through sharing of content and engaging in practical applications across the funding lifecycle.

ORA Boot Camp is geared toward pre-award, post-award, and financial sponsored project administrative staff. Whether you are new to research administration or a seasoned professional, there is a boot camp workout specifically for you.

***Register Directly in Brainier**

***First time using a Brainier direct link?:** Please note that your Emory NetID and password will not work on the login screen. You will instead need to create a separate login.

Alternatively, you may access Brainier via Self-Service and search for the training.

For either method, please refer to this [helpful guide](#) on accessing Brainier and how to register for a training.

Federal Agency Updates

NIH Resubmission Applications



Information sourced by Tricia Callahan, Interim Director, Research Training

NIH recently updated its guidance on resubmission applications and how to highlight changes from the original application. According to NIH NOT-OD-24-061, “*The use of markups such as bracketing, indenting, highlighting, bolding, italicizing, underlining, margin lines, change in typography, font, or font color, or any other type of markup should not be used to identify changes in Resubmission applications.*” Changes from the original application should be outlined in the Introduction attachment only.

Full guidance can be found on Notice Number: [NOT-OD-24-061](#) and additional information: [FAQs on Resubmissions of NIH Applications](#)

NIH Salary Cap Update



**DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE
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Information sourced by Tricia Callahan, Interim Director, Research Training

The NIH has released a new salary cap of \$221,900, effective January 1, 2024. To read the full NIH announcement, click [here](#).

What does this mean for your salary cap applicable awards?

For any budget period that started prior to January 1, 2024, the previous salary cap of \$212,100 will be utilized for the remainder of the budget period. The new salary cap will be utilized at the start of the next budget period.

For any budget period starting January 1, 2024 or later, the new salary cap will be utilized.

REMINDER: Reduced FTEs are proportionally capped. For example, an individual with \$150,000 Emory base salary at a 0.50 FTE would be \$300,000 at a full FTE. Therefore, that individual would be over the salary cap. The salary cap must be reduced proportionally to the FTE. $\$221,900 \times 0.50 \text{ FTE} = \$110,950$ applicable salary cap.

Please reach out to your assigned pre- and post-award administrator with any questions! The current assignment list and organizational chart can be found [here](#).

Department Updates

Environmental Health and Safety Office

[Biological Safety Protocol Electronic Submission](#)

For the last several years the Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) has been utilizing software named BioRAFT as an electronic platform for investigators to submit their Biosafety protocols. Recently BioRAFT has been rebranded and is now SciShield. Aside from the name change the software remains the same, including the support team, and the company.

As part of the rebranding URL to access the site [*emory.BioRAFT.com*] will be changed to the new URL [*emory.SciShield.com*] in April. The site will be down for approximately 1 hour during this time. [Read More](#)

Institutional Review Board

Please see the latest [IRB Blast](#) for important news on the following topics:

- IRB Job Opening for Research Protocol Analyst I (more details [here](#))
- Collaboration with Other IRBs and Institutions: See resources to ensure that IRB review doesn't unnecessarily delay your collaborations
- OITs "[Applications and Plug-Ins Not Approved for Use](#)"
- How to Request Documents from our Archived eIRB System

Office of Sponsored Programs & Research Grants and Contracts

[Sponsored Research: The Importance of Obtaining Approvals Before Starting Work](#)

All sponsored research is subject to specific regulations and requirements and must be administered through the designated offices. The Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) verifies these requirements before approving an award or assigning a Provisional Award Number (PAN).

Sponsored research activities can only be conducted after approvals have been provided by OSP and the related award and project(s) numbers have been issued. Institutional approvals are provided when:

- A Notice of Award or executed agreement has been received, and an award and related project(s) have been created and provided to the PI/department.
- A PAN request was submitted and approved & related project(s) were created and provided to the PI/department. [Read More](#)

[RGC Policies Summary](#)

We are excited to share that our policies have been released into [Policy Manager](#). These policies were created with feedback from our stakeholders and are based on the Uniform Guidance and standard grants management practices. While most are new, several are revisions of existing policies. Here is a listing of the policies with a link and overview of each. [Read More](#)

Faculty Feedback Form

Do you have feedback in reference with Research Administration? We would love to hear from you.

[Submit Faculty Feedback](#)



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