



Greetings from Dr. Robert Nobles, VPRA



Hello from the Office of Research Administration! Great things are happening in ORA and we are excited to share with you some of the initiatives, strategic actions, and plans for the 2023 fiscal year.

Please take a few minutes to watch this [special video message](#) from Dr. Robert Nobles. As always, thank you for your ongoing commitment to research excellence and partnership!

Featured Highlights

The Faculty Advisory Board of the Office of Research Administration

The Faculty Advisory Board (FAB) helps the Office of Research Administration (ORA) reach points of excellence through self-examination and extending the “faculty voice” in planning and implementation activities. Through this active engagement with faculty representatives from across the university, ORA works to fulfill our commitment to improving the research administration infrastructure and activities for our research faculty and staff. The ORA Faculty Advisory Board was established with a commitment to transparency, shared understanding and active problem solving.

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Miriam Vos, MD, MSPH (Chair)



2023 Dragon Service Awards

On April 24, 2023, the Office of Research Administration (ORA) held the fourth ORA Dragon Service Awards. This is part of an ongoing commitment to recognize and celebrate the contributions and achievements of ORA's staff and members of the Faculty/Research community who demonstrate outstanding partnership with ORA. The winners of this year's awards were nominated by their peers and faculty partners of ORA and are highlighted below. [Read More](#)

ORA Town Hall Meeting with the VPRA

Vision:

A Unified Research Culture
where shared Engagement & Accountability
Drives Positive Change



Improved Transparency and Aligned Priority setting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Triannual Business Reviews• Joint Unit level Feedback, Escalation Management & Problem Solving• Alignment on ORA Process Improvement Initiatives
Joint Strategic and Operational Governance with Schools/Departments
Aligned Goals, Metrics and ongoing management of key HR actions & budgets



Creating Unification is critical to a healthy Research Infrastructure and optimum Faculty Support & Engagement



On April 11, 2023, Dr. Robert Nobles hosted a Town Hall meeting to share the 2023 Vision and Strategic Plans for ORA, and high-level results from the ORA Annual Faculty and Staff Satisfaction Survey.

During this meeting, he addressed questions and discussed how ORA is working to ensure that Emory's researchers have the administrative support, systems, and technical expertise to maintain Emory's eminence for engaging in ground-breaking research.

Below find links to the recording, presentation slides, and response to a question submitted on research-related purchasing.

[Town Hall Recording](#)

[Town Hall Slides](#)

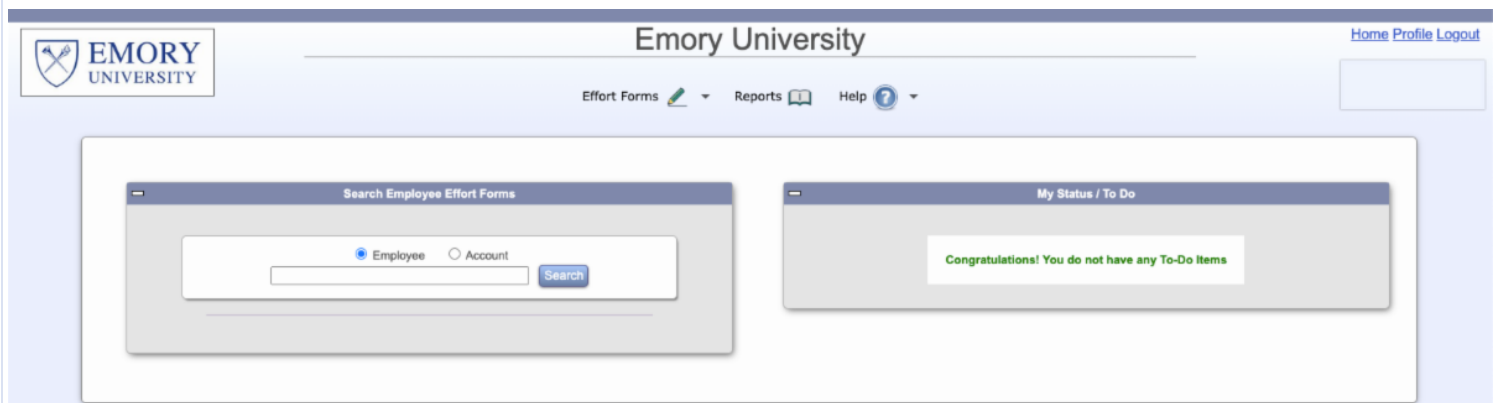
[Q&A Response](#)

The Life of an Award @ Emory University



At Emory University, the development, submission, and management of an award, from concept to closeout, is a shared responsibility across many units and individuals. These include, but are not limited to, the Principal Investigator, Office of Sponsored Programs, Research Grants & Contracts, and Research Administration Services. [Read More](#)

Effort Certification



The most recent set of effort certification forms has been created for the September through February period. Emory policy requires for these forms to be certified by no later than the end of May. These forms have been assigned to your respective RAS representatives for review and you will receive an automated email from the effort system once the review has been completed and the form is ready for certification. Please ensure that the forms are promptly certified and reach out to your RAS representative if you have any concerns with the percentages, questions on the process, or trouble with the system. [Read More](#)

Mark Your Calendar!

NSF Virtual Grants Conference



June 5-8, 2023 - Conference

NSF Virtual Grants Conference - June 5-8, 2023

***Monday, June 5, 2023 (2:00PM ET) to
Thursday, June 8, 2023 (4:00PM ET)***

Registration will open on Wednesday, May 10 at 12PM ET.

Join the National Science Foundation for the Spring 2023 NSF Virtual Grants Conference, to be held during the week of June 5, 2023.

Just like the in-person grants conferences, the NSF Virtual Grants Conference is a must, especially for new faculty, researchers and administrators.

Highlights include:

- New programs and initiatives
- Proposal preparation
- NSF's merit review process
- NSF directorate sessions
- Award management topics
- Conflict of interest policies
- NSF systems updates

The NSF Grants Conference is designed to give new faculty, researchers, and administrators key insights into a wide range of current issues at NSF. NSF staff will provide up-to-date information about policies and procedures, specific funding opportunities and answer attendee questions.

[NSF Virtual Conference Event Site](#)

Department Updates

Environmental Health and Safety Office

[Introducing the Environmental Health and Safety Office \(EHSO\) Occupational Health Program](#)

EHSO has partnered with Emory Occupational Health Services to develop a more robust University focused Occupational Health program. This new unit will provide health surveillance, immunizations, respiratory health, annual health assessments for Research needs and Campus Services. [Read More](#)

Office of Technology Transfer

[17th Annual Celebration of Technology & Innovation](#)

On March 23, 2023, the Office of Technology transfer celebrated it's 17th Annual Celebration of Technology & Innovation. This event celebrated game changing technologies with the potential for a significant impact to society, whether it be serving an unaddressed market, generating revenue, creating a start-up company, or reaching the market. Read more from Emory News Center's coverage of this event.

[Emory News Center - Emory Innovators Step Into the Spotlight](#)

Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

[Export Control Updates](#)

The following is a summary of Export Control updates at Emory. Areas highlighted in this update are: Visiting Scholar OnBase Platform and Electronic Export Information (EEI) Filing Requirements. [Read More](#)

[IACUC Newsletter \(April 2023\)](#)

The 2023 April Issue includes:

1. Updates to the Tumor Burden Scoring policy
2. Updates to the Humane endpoints policy and the Expired Materials policy
3. A new job aid prepared by the EU DAR Training team for Open-Drop Isoflurane Overdose in Rodents

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[ORA Policy Approval Process Update](#)

The following is a summary of RCRA ORA Policy Approval Process update at Emory. [Read More](#)

[ORIC Updates](#)

The following is a summary of updates from the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance (ORIC) at Emory. Areas highlighted in this update are: Pre-Inspection Assistance and QA/QI Help.

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[RCRA Events and Newsletter Webpage](#)

Stay current on upcoming RCRA events and the RCRA quarterly newsletter. [Read More](#)

Senior Vice President for Research

Office of Research Development

[ORD Supports Future ARPA-H Performers and Program Managers](#)

The Office of Research Development is actively supporting faculty interested in pursuing R&D funding through the newly established Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). [Read More](#)

Thursdays at Three (T@3)

[Recording: S10 & MRI Instrumentation Grants](#)

Aired: April 27, 2023

Presenters:

Dr. Laura Finzi, Dr. Hui Mao, Dr. Adam Marcus, Dr. Steve Bosinger, Dr. Shella Keilholz, Dr. Kimberly Eck.

[More Webinars - T@3 Website](#)



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