Special Report from VPRA: Dr. Robert Nobles

During another year of managing the research enterprise through significant growth and a lingering pandemic, the Office of Research Administration maintained a strong focus on setting and achieving both short and long-term goals of continuous improvement, transparency, and collaboration across the Emory research enterprise. Today, we are excited to share the Office of Research Administration’s FY21 Annual Report and the ORA FY22/23 Strategic Plan!

The Strategic Plan and Annual Report provide a roadmap of our annual goals and a transparent gauge of our performance on our key initiatives. The Strategic Plan is designed to ensure that the ORA’s activities are aligned with the organizational values of delivering quality service and smoothing operations within Emory’s research enterprise. It defines our goals, leverages our assets, and bridges the two with tactical goals that implement our mission.

The Annual Report gives insight into the operations of ORA, including accomplishments and areas of opportunity and growth with an emphasis on improving our people, processes, and infrastructure. I invite you to learn from the plan and report how our offices contribute to Emory’s more comprehensive strategy and campus impact.

ORA will continue to provide intentional focus on reviewing our talent pipeline, enhancing recruitment, and emphasizing staff training and professional development. We have heard your feedback, and we are committed to ensuring that Emory University is the preferred destination for research administration and helping the research enterprise perform at a world-class level. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the coming year.

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ORA FY22/23 Strategic Plan

The Office for Research Administration’s primary purpose is to support the Emory research enterprise. By providing excellent service and technical expertise in proposal development and support, sponsored programs administration, and compliance requirements, ORA facilitates research efforts across campus. The ORA responsibilities extend from helping researchers to identify funding opportunities, to negotiating contracts with external parties and financial administration for ongoing projects. Continue Reading...

ORA FY21 Annual Report

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The University continues to top its personal best in attracting research funding because of our phenomenal faculty, research teams, and support infrastructures. In FY21, Emory attracted research funding of $894.7 million, an increase of 7.6% as compared to FY20. External funding for research has grown more than 55% over the past five years. COVID-19 research funding remained significant, comprising 12 percent of the year’s total research funding, rising by almost one-third over the previous year. Continue Reading...