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# THE ORSP **CONNECT**

Research Administration Updates

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## RA Support: An Introduction

Last week, we were happy to share that our new RAs have completed a significant portion of their training and have been assigned to their School/College. In this week's edition, we will begin to look at how RAs support researchers across campus. This support will change over time as the RAs gain more experience and as new or evolving needs are identified.

[Learn More about RA Support](#)

*Meet*  
**ORSP**

### Dr. Veronica Crawford

Research Administrator II  
Office of Research and Sponsored Programs  
Support for School of Pharmacy

Meet Veronica



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## URB's 2023/2024 Session Kick Off

The University Research Board, or URB, is charged by the Chancellor with creating an atmosphere for the encouragement of research and providing oversight, guidance, and coordination of research activities at the University. Every year, the Faculty Senate elects their representatives to serve on the committee. These

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Dr. Greg Easson, Interim Vice Chancellor of ORSP, chairs the Board. The URB had its first meeting of the new Fiscal Year on Thursday, September 14. During the meeting, new representatives were welcomed. Dr. Eric Hom started the meeting with an update on the Federal Demonstration Partnership. The FDP is a unique forum for individuals from universities and nonprofits to work collaboratively with federal agency officials to improve the national research enterprise.

Key topics covered during the meeting were the short-term Strategic Plan within ORSP, upcoming and currently open positions in ORSP, and future plans of the Research Visioning Task Force.

URB meets twice a semester. Be sure to reach out to your representatives if you have announcements, suggestions, or concerns to bring to the attention of the committee.

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## What is a PI?

A Principal Investigator (PI) is the project lead and the individual responsible for the scientific, technical, and programmatic aspects of the project, as well as resource allocation, fiscal stewardship, and overall administrative conduct of a sponsored project within the terms and conditions of the award and in accordance with University rules and regulations.

In fewer words, the PI is **the** key person and the touchpoint for the research effort. Signaling intent to apply for a funding opportunity, developing the proposal, locating partners for subawards, ensuring research protocol is approved... this and much, much more falls under the category of PI ownership.

The good news is, you're not in it alone! We're here to assist our PIs in putting together an excellent submission for external funding! In future editions of ORSP Connect, we'll highlight some of the responsibilities of a PI.

[PI Eligibility](#)

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