



Greetings from Dr. Robert Nobles, VPRA



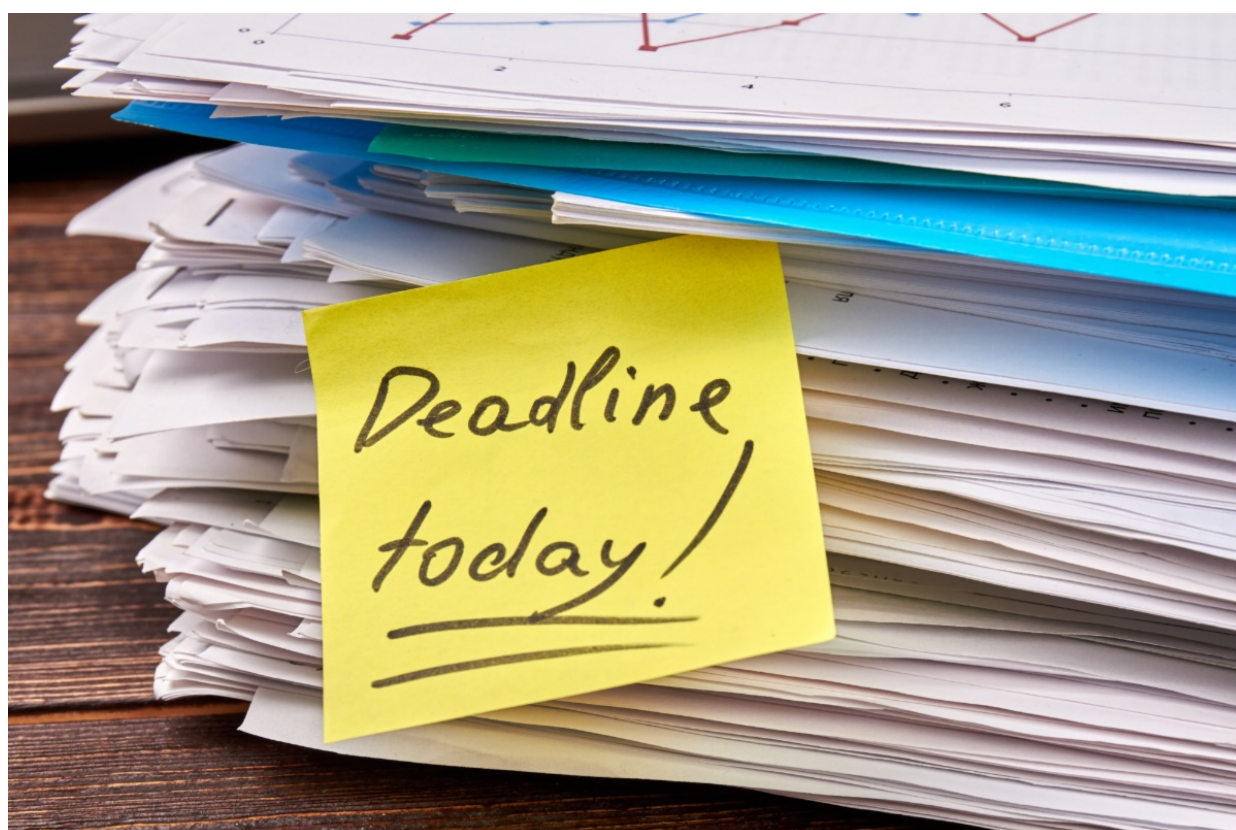
Hello from the Office of Research Administration! Great things are happening in ORA and we are excited to share with you some of the initiatives, strategic actions, and plans for the 2024 fiscal year.

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

[Effort Certification Deadline is Today!](#)

Author: Emory Cost Studies

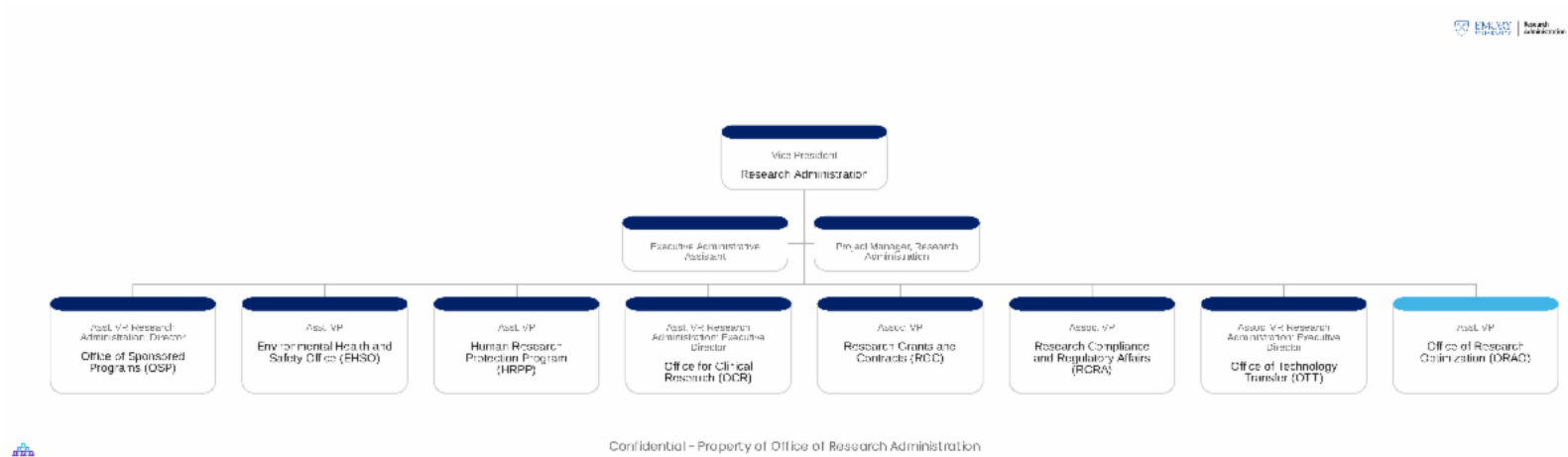


Effort certification is a requirement for those working on sponsored projects at Emory. We are currently in the effort reporting process for the MARCH – AUGUST 2023 period. As stated in our effort reporting policy, forms must be completed within 90 days of the end of the effort period. That means today, November 29 is the deadline for completion. If you are assigned as a pre-reviewer, please sign in to ERS and review any pending forms listed on your home page. If you are an employee working on sponsored projects, please keep an eye out for an automated email coming from the ERS system alerting you that your form is ready to certify. If you are unsure if you have any forms to certify, you can sign into the system (<https://effort.emory.edu>) and you will see a TO DO box on your home screen.

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The Office of Research Administration (ORA) Announces the Launch of the Office of Research Administration Optimization (ORA-O) to Advance Research Services and Support

Author: Lisa Wilson, Interim AVP, ORAO



The Office of Research Administration (ORA) proudly announces the establishment of the Office of Research Administration Optimization (ORA-O), an innovative approach aimed at enhancing research services and support, officially launched on October 1, 2023. [Read More](#)

Research Week 2023 in Review

Author: Tricia Callahan, Interim Director, ORA Research Training



Over 400 staff gathered over three days to learn, connect, and celebrate during Research Week 2023. Attendees selected from over 32 contact hours of general knowledge and skill-based educational opportunities. [Read More](#)

[Research Week 2023 Recap Video](#)

Institutional Training Opportunities

ORD & OSP Sponsored Event: UIDP Virtual 2023



December 5 - 7, 2023

Event Description: UIDPVirtual 2023 brings the best practices and prized experience-based takeaways you rely on from UIDP directly to your desktop. We're leveraging the conversational capabilities of the online experience to facilitate robust idea exchange, empowering participants to share, collaborate, and solve in real time. Expert speakers will set the stage each day with fresh insight into the day's theme. Then, participants will break out into powerfully interactive "deep dive" sessions to develop and amplify key learnings. With topics intentionally curated for professionals in contracting, partnership management and research administration, government engagement and economic development, and workforce management, everyone on your team has a voice and perspective to bring to UIDPVirtual.

Each day we'll explore successful approaches in three thematic areas:

- **Tuesday:** Impact of Partnerships on Innovation Ecosystems
- **Wednesday:** Talent Exchange
- **Thursday:** International Partnerships

Cost: Free to anyone with an @emory.edu email address

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*Note: To access the instructions, you may be prompted to login to your Emory Microsoft 365 account.

Department Updates

Environmental Health and Safety Office

[High Containment Laboratory Program](#)

The commissioning of the Health Sciences Research Building Phase 2 (HSRB2) brings a significant increase in Biosafety Level 3 (BSL3) and Animal Biosafety Level 3 (ABSL3) capacity to our research community. This addition of 12 high containment labs significantly adds to our ability to work with infectious biological agents that require additional safety practices. The Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) is working closely with the School of Medicine High Containment Scientific Director faculty to ensure that this facility is safe and efficient for our research community. [Read More](#)

Institutional Review Board

[PI Eligibility on IRB Submissions, and Departmental Review](#)

[Planning Federally-funded Multisite Research, including STTR and SBIR](#)

Grants?

Student or Trainee? Adjunct or Emeritus Faculty? Visiting Scholar?

Make sure you know who can be “Principal Investigator” on the IRB submission.

Each School has a policy for who can serve as PI for external funding, as well as a guideline for who can be PI on IRB applications (whether funded or not).

Note: The *Department Approver* for your area is responsible for verifying eligibility, as part of their review in eIRB, but it’s good to know in advance!

Please consult with the IRB’s [Reliance Team](#) in the early planning stages. These studies require “single IRB review” so you’ll need to confirm which IRB can and will review.

You may also need to include IRB fees in your budget.

Note on STTR/SBIR Grants: The company receiving the grant is always “engaged” in the human subjects research, and needs to set up reliance on an IRB before the study is approved (even if the company is not directly carrying out the research activities).

[IRB Newsletter \(October 2023\)](#)

The October 2023 Issue includes:

- Upcoming Holidays
- Former eIRB System Archive
- Website Hyperlink Issues [Read More](#)

[Recorded IRB Webinar: Human Subjects Involving Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Big Data](#)

Catch up on the latest IRB webinar and past webinars [here](#).

Office of Research Development

[Grant Forward at Emory University](#)

The Office of the Senior Vice President for Research sponsors a university-wide subscription to [GrantForward](#).

GrantForward provides easy, customizable access to thousands of grant opportunities through a single easy-to-use interface. Researchers can use this service to self-curate personalized funding notices, as well as to create research profiles that will further refine and individualize grant recommendations provided by the system. [Read More](#)

[NIH Revises Grant Review Process - Focus on Scientific Merit & Reputational Bias Reduction](#)

After gathering significant feedback from the extramural community, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will begin taking steps to simplify its grant review process.

The simplified review framework will focus peer review on the key questions needed to assess the scientific and technical merit of proposed research projects – should and can the proposed research project be conducted? [Read More](#)

Office of Technology Transfer

[Looking Back and Looking Ahead on FY23-24](#)

In the past fiscal year, Emory University made waves across the university, the nation, and the world. You may have heard Dr. Bruner share our accomplishments at Research Week, but I wanted to reiterate this outstanding success. [Read More](#)

Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs

[COI/COC: Annual COI Certification Schedule](#)

[Federal Interim Rule Implements TikTok Ban on Devices Used in the Performance of Federal Contracts](#)

Emory's annual certification period will begin on December 1, 2023 and conclude on February 29, 2024

If you are responsible for design, conduct, or reporting of research, you will need to disclose: [Read More](#)

A new [Federal Acquisition Regulation \(FAR 52.204-27\)](#) clause prohibits federal contractors and subcontractors from “having or using” the social networking service TikTok or any “successor application” [Read More](#)

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

The November 2023 Issue includes:

- IACUC Policies
- Reminder of responsibilities to all investigators
- The exemption for using single-dose non-bacteriostatic sterile injectable saline or water has been terminated [Read More](#)

[Malign Foreign Talent Programs](#)

The [CHIPS and Science Act](#) prohibits federal employees, contractors, and awardees, including institutions, individual investigators, and other key personnel from participating in malign foreign talent recruitment programs(MFTRPs). [Read More](#)

[RCRA Events and Newsletter Webpage](#)

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