

Special Recognition

The UCF Office of Research would like to give special recognition to people within UCF's Office of Research who are demonstrating UCF excellence through recent appointments and publications.



Celeste Rivera-Nunez, Mary Davis, Terri Bigham, and Josh Roney

Terri Bigham and Mary Davis

Terri Bigham (Research Foundation) and Mary Davis (Sponsored Programs-Pre-Award) have been invited to be members of the research administration graduate programs advisory board for the School of Public Administration.

This advisory board assists the school in integrating with, and responding to, community needs and requests as they relate to the field of research administration. The advisory board members provide integral support by providing programmatic feedback about curriculum and graduates in the MRA (Master of Research Administration) and Graduate Certificate Programs; guidance and assistance related to internships, externships, and professional development opportunities; and suggestions regarding the MRA program planning in general and recruitment strategies.

Terri and Mary will serve on this advisory board for a three-year term.

Josh Roney

Josh Roney recently co-authored an article for the National Organization of Research Development Professionals, titled "What is Research Development?"

The article looks at the emergence of research development, challenges to understanding it and ways to visualize it.

The National Organization of Research Development Professionals is a professional association dedicated solely to Research Development and represents a diverse set of institutions and sectors and including research development professionals from multiple countries from around the globe.

Celeste Rivera-Nunez

Celeste Rivera-Nunez has been appointed by the National Council of University Research Administrators board of Directors to Vice Chair/Chair-elect of the Select Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (SCDEI) for a period of two years.

The National Council of University Research Administrators is a non-profit professional society dedicated to advancing the profession of research administration through education and professional development programs, the sharing of knowledge and experiences, and the fostering of a diverse, collegial, and respected global community. It was founded in 1959 and now has more than 7,500 members from over 1,100 colleges, universities, teaching hospitals, and research institutes in 40 countries.