



Health Colleges Research Services

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HCRS WELCOMES A NEW SR. ASSOC. DEAN FOR RESEARCH

This month we welcome Dr. Nara Parameswaran as the new Senior Associate Dean for Research in the College of Human Medicine. Nara is a professor in the Department of Physiology and was previously the Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Staff Management. Nara's experience as a researcher and leader will help us support the growing Health Colleges research enterprise.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Walt Esselman who is leaving the Senior Associate Dean role to focus on the Henry Ford Health + Michigan State University Health Sciences partnership as an Assistant Vice President in the Office of Health Sciences. Walt was instrumental in the creation of the Health Colleges Research Services office, and we wouldn't be here without his vision.

NIH SIMPLIFIED REVIEW PROCESS

NIH is implementing a [simplified review process](#) for grant applications due after January 25, 2025, directing peer reviewers on the necessary questions of research: "should and can" the research be done? The three factors that will now be used in determining an impact score are Importance of Research, Rigor and Feasibility, and Expertise and Resources. This new process was created due to concerns of investigator reputation having a large impact during application review and the increased responsibility of policy compliance. This should not change how applications are written, only how they are scored with non-biases and added burden of compliance for reviewers. For more information regarding this new policy, NIH created a centralized [webpage](#) with various amounts of FAQs and resources.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR NSF GRANT PROPOSALS

As of October 23, 2023, NSF requires both Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending Support be generated using SciENcv. Recent upgrades to SciENcv provide an enhanced user experience and easier navigation, allowing investigators to create compliant documents and provide certification. All personnel listed as key in an NSF proposal are required to include both documents with an individual certification. Please note you can have a delegate review but the certification cannot be delegated to administrators. Refer to the [FAQ](#) with detailed instructions on completing your biosketch and/or current and pending support in SciENcv.

SOCIETY OF RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Several members of our pre-award team attended the annual Society of Research Administrators International meeting in October. Attendance to continuing education is vital to our roles as research is an ever changing industry. The conference sessions were very informative and we were able to learn of upcoming changes and network with other members of our community.

Theresa Couch won Best Poster of the Year for "Go with the Flow: An Automated Proposal Intake Process Built in Office 365," detailing the pre-award process in HCRS. You can view the poster here: [Go with the Flow.](#)



We were also able to enjoy the Seattle area and participate in team building activities outside of the conference. We were all energized from the conference a look forward to continuing to work with the faculty in the Health Colleges.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 23-24:** Thanksgiving Break, HCRS staff will be out of the office.
- **December 25- January 2:** Winter Break, HCRS staff will be out of the office and not working during this time. If you have a proposal due in early January, please be sure to work with your pre-award representative to ensure timely submission.

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