

How does your University handle Large, Complex Proposals?

We REACT!

REACTing to Faculty Research Needs at the University of Central Florida: Our unique approach to large proposal challenges!

Rapid Response to Investigator needs

- Identification of REACT Opportunities
 - Large, Multi-/Inter disciplinary, multi-PIs, Complex
- Immediate availability
- Delegate roles / capacity of support
 - PIs
 - Contracts & Grants teams
 - College Administrators
 - Project manager
 - External Consultants

★ Research Development Team



Evaluate

needs and assests

- Agency RFP Guidelines (what documents are needed, existing infrastructure)
- Determine need for samples / templates
- Collaboration needs



Assist Faculty with proposal components

- Budget preparation
 - coordinate with C & G, College Admins
- Biosketches - collect & review
- Boilerplate language
- Current & Pending - collect & review
- Letters of collaboration / support



Tracking proposal progress

- Revisions
- Finalizations
- Lessons learned / Process evaluation



Coordinate the progress of the proposal

- Project Monitoring - deadlines & Tasks met
- Document management - collection & review
- Reviews performed (editorial, peer, guideline)
- Follow up with collaborators

Standing OUT From the Crowd!

UCF is the second largest university in the nation. Sponsored research capacity at UCF is growing exponentially with the expansion of the “medical city” at Lake Nona and the recent hiring of faculty research clusters. To meet the research needs of this rapid growth while operating under a limited budget, the Research Development team recently launched REACT.

The REACT program is unique because it uses existing resources to respond to the growing need for integrated support on large, complex proposal submissions.

The Research Development (RD) team at UCF serves faculty as a single unit to support faculty grant writing, proposal development, outreach, and funding assistance. Our team is comprised of individuals who specialize in various areas of research development and outreach, and team members are cross-trained to ensure support is always available. When faculty need assistance on large, complex proposals, the RD team spearheads a multi-unit collaborative approach called REACT. The REACT process is an ad-hoc team that springs into action anytime a rapid, coordinated response is required to support a large, complex proposal submission.



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Research Development Team Focus Areas



Outreach

- Workshops
 - Agency specific
 - Department
 - Requested topics
- Networking events



Funding Assistance

- Opportunities
- Limited Submissions
- Internal Programs



Proposal Support

- Consultation & Coordination
- Resources
 - Libguides
 - Toolkits
 - Proposal library
- Peer & Editorial Reviews

Success Story #1



PI: Dr. Mark Schafer, Political Science
Agency: Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
Program: FY 2014 Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (IC CAE)
Award Amount: \$1.85 Million
Title: University of Central Florida Intelligence Community Center For Academic Excellence



Dear Josh and Mindy,
I wanted you two to be among the first to hear: yesterday after work Tamara and I received the letter with the official congratulations from DIA that our IC CAE grant will be funded! People over here are pretty excited!
You two very much helped make this happen. Thank you very much for your great help and work on this proposal.
Cheers,
Mark Schafer

New UCF Center to Educate Future Intelligence Workforce

The University of Central Florida has been awarded a \$1.85 million grant to establish a center focused on intelligence and national security within the department of political science. The center will help prepare the workforce for the intelligence community of the future.



UCF will become one of only a handful of universities nationwide to house an Intelligence Community Center of Academic Excellence. The grant from the Defense Intelligence Agency is the largest ever received by political science at UCF.

The center, led by Mark Schafer, a professor of political science, will offer curriculum in national intelligence and security and will also include a set of nationally and internationally known experts in the field.

The Success Of Teamwork

Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.
~ Henry Ford ~

Success Story #2



PI: Dr. Kristina Child Fisher, Criminal Justice
Prime Agency: National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
Sponsored Agency: Brevard Public Schools
Program: FY 2014 Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe
Award Amount: \$305,826
Title: Comprehensive School Safety Initiative: Developing Knowledge about What Works to Make Schools

Dear Marisol,
Just wanted to share with you that we were awarded the National Institute of Justice grant. We met today with Kristina Childs, Hugh Potter, Vanessa Littleton, and Kim Gryglewicz to plan our next steps. Thank you again for your support in making the partnership a reality!

Thanks,
Robin Ward
District Grant Development Coordinator
Brevard Public Schools



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