Research Development

A set of strategic, proactive, catalytic, and capacity-building activities designed to facilitate individual faculty members, teams of researchers, and central research administrations in attracting extramural research funding, creating relationships, and developing and implementing strategies that increase institutional competitiveness.

NORDP fosters a culture of inclusive excellence by actively promoting and supporting diversity, inclusion and equity in all its forms to expand our worldview, enrich our work, and elevate our profession.

NORDP is the premier organization for everyone working strategically to support research excellence. That support can take any number of different forms including, but not limited to:

- Improving researchers’ grant-getting skills
- Fostering collaborations
- Managing multidisciplinary research centers or programs
- Connecting researchers with one another and with needed resources
- Helping to mobilize knowledge and discovery in the broader research enterprise

NORDP’s role is to provide the tools and the underlying mindset for transforming the ways in which research development professionals and our strategic partners – at every level, from those just beginning in this line of work to those who have been involved in RD for years – think about the many different ways in which we contribute to the research enterprise.

Benefits of Developing a Relationship with NORDP

- access to a nationwide network of strategically-placed administrators who interface with Deans/VPs/VCs of Research and faculty
- liaisons with faculty experts and senior academic leadership for input on position papers, RFPs, and sponsored conferences
- easy and broad dissemination of material for informative or evaluative purposes
- institutional coordination to implement regional workshops by agency staff
- encourages diverse responses to RFPs through diverse membership
- enables proactive responses to novel RFPs
- coordination of multiple universities, encouraging regional or national collaboration

Research Development Professionals Provide

- support for large-scale, multi-institutional, collaborative, translational, and interdisciplinary research proposals
- funding opportunity identification and targeted dissemination
- grant/contract proposal development
- strategic initiatives for research
- technical writing and editing
- research team building
- interaction with funding agencies and governmental offices
- limited submissions review process
- coordination with institutional research administration and leadership
- training and outreach activities
- a resource for institutional knowledge and information