Creating Sustainable Data Management Services: the Office of Research and You

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What is Office of Research?

The Office of Research supports all aspects of securing funding for research. They:

- seek funding opportunities,
- assist with proposal preparation,
- help with the institution in accepting the award,
- manage the funds, and
- ensure compliance with policies, contracts and laws.

In recent years, there have been several case studies of partnerships between the Office of Research and their libraries, both within the United States and abroad. By pooling resources, both entities get better results. To engage your Office of Research in delivering sustainable data management services, you need to know how to speak their language and identify opportunities for collaboration.

Top Ten Typical Terms:

- Award: being granted funds for research
- Close-out: completing all the requirements to complete a research project
- Cost-sharing: any arrangement where more than one party pays for the same research project
- Direct costs: costs related to a specific project; not overhead
- Facilities & Administration (F&A): also known as indirect costs, or overhead, these are the costs that cannot be associated with any specific research projects
- Limited submission: when the funder will only allow a few submissions from an institution
- Pre-award: all the activities prior to the funding agreement being awarded
- Pre-proposal: a short description of research plans submitted to a funder to see if they are interested in receiving a full proposal
- Post-award: all the activities after the funding agreement has been awarded
- Sponsored Project: an externally funded research project that has a written agreement; examples include grants and contracts

Lifecycle of a Sponsored Project

Does your Office of Research collaborate with your library?

- Yes!
- Not sure
- No

Rank the partnership as valuable or extremely valuable to their work

- 89%

Top five partnerships:

1. Data Management – 65%
2. Literature searching – 35%
3. Locate funding opportunities – 20%
4. Joint training events – 20%
5. Open Access publishing – 15%

Want to see more results or test your knowledge of research management terminology?

Check out http://go.osu.edu/researchandlibraries or e-mail Rinehart.64@osu.edu

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