UNO Office of Research

- Oversight and support of UNO research, scholarly, and creative activities
- Finding funding opportunities and supporting grant applications
- Supporting scholarship
- Managing grant and contract funds
- Oversight of grant, contract, and research compliance
- Promoting campus success
- Fostering external partnerships
- Enhancing student success
What Does the Office of Research Do?

► **External Grant and Contract Funding**
  ► Assist faculty, staff, students with finding and applying for grant funding

► **Compliance**
  ► Safety, ethics, export control, human and animal subjects, budget, etc.

► **Training**
  ► Workshops for faculty, staff, graduate students, undergraduate students
  ► Internships

► **Internal Grants**
  ► Support for faculty research across disciplines

► **Intellectual Property**
  ► Patents and copyright
Compliance Issues

- Lab Safety
- Export Control (data and materials across borders)
- Responsible Conduct of Research (ethics)
- Animal Care
- Human Subjects
- Budgetary Compliance for Grants
- Research Data Management
- Intellectual Property
International Issues

► Fly America Act
► Export Controls
► Foreign National Restrictions
► International Travel & Research
► Foreign Visitors to Campus
Campus Support

Selected Programs

► Internal Grant Program
► Graduate Fellowship Workshops
► Intellectual Property Workshops

Events

► ARCS – Awards Ceremony (Spring)
► InnovateUNO – Research, Scholarly, and Creativity Symposium (Spring 2023)
Internal Grants and Awards

- Creative Endeavor Opportunity (CEO)
- Stimulating Competitive Research (SCoRe)
- Leveraging External Expertise Program (LEEP)
- Award for Building Research Or Artistic Development (ABROAD)
- Innovation Challenge
  https://www.uno.edu/research/office/research-council/grant-program
- Faculty Awards for Achievement
- Tolmas Scholars
  - Undergraduate research, scholarly, or creative work with a faculty mentor
  - Student application deadline early fall
  - Mentors can sign up by contacting curc@uno.edu
  - More information available at:
    https://www.uno.edu/research/student/tolmas-scholars
New Faculty Research Institute

► Provides new professors with an understanding of research issues
► Aimed at improving success and retention
► 14 new faculty members participating now
► Three sessions in fall, three in spring
► Proposal writing workshops in spring – open to all UNO principal investigators
Proposal Development Services

- Finding funding opportunities
- Narrative preparation assistance
- Budget preparation
- Form preparation
- Revision for resubmission
Costs of Research at UNO

Proposals submitted through UNO must include the following in the accompanying budgets:

► **Facility & Administrative Costs** – the cost of supporting research through the institution

► **Payroll Benefits Costs** – the cost of supporting UNO employees who conduct research
Facility and administrative costs include the actual costs of conducting research that cannot be charged directly to an individual grant—because these costs are shared among all researchers.

Rate determined through federal negotiations (Currently 46%)
Payroll Benefits Rate

Average Benefits Cost of a UNO Employee

Rate determined annually through federal negotiations (Currently 46.4%)
Costs of Research at UNO

- **Facility & Administrative Costs**
  - Treated as revenue in general fund*
  - Charged based on actual, eligible grant expenditures
  - Once recovered, no longer tied to grant funds (reimbursement for incurred expenses)
  - Office of Research requests budget like all other units*

- **Payroll Benefits Costs**
  - Charged based on grant payroll expenditures
  - Offsets actual benefit costs incurred

*Budget process changed in FY2021
Office of Research Budget*

► Cost Share, 2%:
► Provided when grant agency requires matching funds

► Enhancement, 25%:
► Investments in PIs, departments, colleges, and centers/institutes

► Operating Costs, 30%:
► Predominantly staff salaries and benefits; includes some funds for office supplies, travel, program expenses

► Internal Grants, 6%:
► Awarded across disciplines

*Percentages based on FY2020 budget
Office of Research Budget*

► New Faculty Startup, 15%:
  ► All new faculty members, regardless of discipline, may receive startup funds

► Student Support, 8%:
  ► Includes Tolmas Scholars/PURSUE programs

► University Compliance, 6%:
  ► Includes human subjects, animal subjects, laboratory safety, hazardous waste, export control, and other items

► University Support, 7%:
  ► Includes campus-wide utilities

*Percentages based on FY2020 budget*
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