

### Sponsored Project Administration II (SPA II) Faculty

Faculty members on an NCURA Sponsored Project Administration II (SPA II) faculty team present advanced concepts and issues confronted by the research administrator. The three-member faculty team includes expertise across the broad areas of pre-award, post-award (including financial), compliance, costing, and other areas of grants and contract development and research management. The faculty truly works as a team, integrating into their presentations and teaching of service to researchers while maintaining good stewardship and managing risks, while providing attendees with current knowledge of issues and trends facing research administrators.

As a presenter, NCURA faculty must have not only a depth of experience in research administration in a variety of institutional settings, but also personality, charisma and a sense of humor. In addition, they must be knowledgeable about a variety of topics, and this knowledge must be conveyed to an audience with varying levels of expertise. The presenter must understand the broader picture of how research administration fits into the structure of the university or other not-for-profit organizations, and how research management policies, regulations and practices have evolved. He/she must have interacted with faculty, researchers, university leadership and committees, the federal government and auditors sufficiently to provide the audience with real life experiences. He/she must also have had experiences working in a decision-making capacity in order to present to the audience the complexities of the job and institutional environments. They must have experience in pre-award, governmental regulations, compliance issues, and a variety of other issues affecting research administration.

Beyond being a senior research administrator, the most important requirement is to be a good communicator, teacher and presenter. Presenters should be able to couple their experience/expertise with the topics presented.

#### ***Examples of Topic Areas Covered:***

Comprehensive services in both pre and post award administration settings

Compliance areas, such as Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR), Misconduct in Science, Conflict of Interest, Export Controls

Special Considerations in Award Management (e.g., intellectual property issues, data access and ownership)

Audits

The position is a three-year commitment, with 2-3 sessions per year around the country. Workshop sessions are 2 1/2 days. NCURA provides honoraria for each session and pays for all travel.