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The latest news and important updates regarding sponsored grant proposals, awards, and compliance.

## IMPORTANT OSP UPDATES

### Pre-Award Staffing



**Ron Fleischmann, Associate Director for Pre-Award Administration**, has accepted a position as Director of Research Opportunities at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. We congratulate Ron and wish him every success in this important new role. Ron's last day at UWM is Thursday, April 13. He will be greatly missed by all the staff of OSP and the Office of Research, as well as the many administrators and investigators he has worked with during his time at UWM. Efforts are underway to form a search committee to recruit his replacement.



**Katherine Kober, Pre-Award Specialist**, will be on maternity leave April 19 – July 11. The departments she currently serves will be assisted by Ann Shiras, Dave Harris, and other OSP staff. We ask these departments to email requests for assistance and related documentation to [grant-notice@uwm.edu](mailto:grant-notice@uwm.edu) for assignment to respective Pre-Award staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Marcussen, Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs, at [marcusse@uwm.edu](mailto:marcusse@uwm.edu).

### Contact Pre-Award Staff Early



Because of the unusual staffing shortage in OSP for the next several months, please engage with Pre-Award staff and submit your budgets, WISPER records, and proposal submissions **as early as possible**. We greatly appreciate your patience as we balance and manage staff workloads accordingly. As always, we will provide you with the best possible service to ensure that your proposals are submitted on time.

### Authorized Signatures



With Ron Fleischmann's imminent departure, he should no longer be named as the authorized signatory for grant applications or other documents to be signed by the Office of Sponsored Programs. Refer to the [OSP Frequently Requested Information](#) web page for detailed information about OSP signatories.

Please consult with your Pre-Award or Post-Award Specialist to determine which signatory will be available at the time your grant application or document will need to be approved. In addition, please note that Tom Marcussen will be on vacation April 28 – May 16. If OSP signatures are needed, Carla Durand, Assistant Director of Post-Award Administration, will be available.

Thank you again for your patience during this unusual staffing shortage.