



Research Development & Services

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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To: All Deans & Chairs

From: Shannon Woodhouse, Communications & Training Coordinator

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Subject: Service Changes in Research Development & Services

We are proud to announce that Research Western is changing to better meet the needs of our research community. We have added two new positions to the staffing in Research Development & Services as well as continued to build on existing positions to make better use of the expertise of our team members. Below please find a brief description of the two newest additions to our team, changes to a current role, and a pictorial representation of the RD&S team.

Pre-award Grants Facilitator

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Theresa Russelo has transferred to the newly created position of Pre-Award Grants Facilitator in RD&S from her position as Technology Transfer Coordinator in Industry Liaison. Theresa's expertise includes many years of legal, corporate, entrepreneurial and tech transfer experience.

The Pre-Award Grants Facilitator will be the researchers' central point of contact for review and submission of detailed external agency applications or proposals including Letters of Intent. This position will also expand on RD&S efforts to increase the success rate of research awards through a focus on service, value added editing, and information dissemination.

Specifically:

- point of contact to Western's research community for information regarding standard research funding programs such as NSERC Discovery & RTI Grants, SSHRC & CIHR Operating Grants, and other standard granting programs offered by smaller agencies and foundations.
- review research grant applications for completeness and vet for institutional approval signatures;
- provide expertise to the research community in research administration and in the delivery of standard research funding programs and inter-institutional agreements;
- assist faculty with the search for appropriate funding opportunities;
- offer expertise in granting agency policies and application processes.

Industry Contract Facilitator

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Thurman Sawyer was appointed earlier this summer to the new contract position of Industry Contracts Facilitator. Thurman was born in the Islands of the Bahamas, received his Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees from Kentucky and South Dakota respectively. Thurman studied law in both Ohio and Wyoming before coming to Western from a commercial contract law practice in New Mexico.

The Industry Contract Facilitator is a part of our enhancement plan for increasing industrial contract research activities. As a member of the Contracts Research Team (CRT), Thurman will work with and provide advice and support to researchers in obtaining and managing industry-sponsored research.

Specifically:

- review industry contracts, confidential disclosures, material transfer agreements, collaborative research agreements and amendments for compliance with Westerns' policies and procedures;
- participate in the negotiation of appropriate agreements with industry sponsors relating to funded research proposals and activities;
- counsel faculty researchers on contract proposals, negotiations and budgets.

Communications & Training Co-ordinator

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Shannon Woodhouse will continue to fill the further developed role of Communications & Training Coordinator. This position will work collaboratively with the Pre-Award Grants Facilitator and the rest of the RD&S Team to deliver the best Research Communication and Training programs possible.

Specifically:

- Enhance internal communication of research related success stories and funding initiatives.
- Design and implement an internal training program specific to Western's Research Community and funding related challenges.

