

# OFFICES OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## WHO WE ARE

The Offices of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development (ORIED), a unit of Academic Affairs, works to expand the research capacity of Sacramento State's faculty, staff, and students, and to link a range of academic and infrastructure initiatives and activities that advance our faculty and campus connection to the regional community. ORIED supports faculty seeking external funding for their research and scholarly activities, and on behalf of the University, submits grant and contract proposals. In addition, this office is responsible for administering internal research funds and recognition programs and, as part of its research integrity and compliance functions, facilitates the Institutional Review Board (IRB), the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and superintends campus academic centers and institutes. ORIED also provides support services to faculty with full-spectrum intellectual property services as well as assisting external stakeholders in connecting with appropriate university specialists who can offer research and project development, business and technical expertise and assistance with talent

### **The Office of Research and Proposal Development (RPD)**

Assists faculty and staff seeking external support for their research and scholarly activities through services providing research proposal, narrative, application and budget development. Works in conjunction with UEI Sponsored Programs Administration that manages the resulting awards.

### **The Office of Innovation and Technology Transfer (ITT)**

Helps to protect faculty, staff and students' intellectual property and optimize the flow of innovations to the community to serve the public good and to the marketplace to help generate revenue that supports future research activities.

### **The Office of Economic Development (OED)**

Serves as a liaison through which the community and external partners can assess vast range of services, resources and expertise embedded in the Sacramento State campus.

### **The Student Research Center (SRC)**

Exists to broaden opportunities for students to collaborate with faculty on authentic research, scholarship, and creative activities. We focus on both undergraduate and graduate student research opportunities, deliver professionalization workshops and offer opportunities for research dissemination.

### **Research Promotion and Marketing (RPM)**

Provides awareness and recognition of research contributions made by Sacramento State faculty and staff.

### **Research Integrity and Compliance (RIC)**

Assists faculty, students, and staff with research compliance in the areas of human and animal subjects research, financial conflict of interest, responsible conduct of research, export controls, and data use and material transfer agreements.

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## Office of Research & Proposal Development

*Helps faculty and staff develop competitive proposal and contract narratives through concept development and editorial support.*

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Proposal Development Specialist

*Develops and negotiates contracts with government agencies and private sector on behalf of faculty, centers, and institutes; and secures university approvals.*

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## Research Integrity & Compliance

*Provides guidance on federal, state and university research compliance requirements and regulations including IRB; works with faculty, students, and administrators to ensure compliance. Assists with research compliance in the areas of human and animal subjects research, financial conflict of interest, responsible conduct of research, export controls, and data use and material transfer agreements.*

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## Office of Economic Development

*Works closely with economic development organizations, practitioners and community leaders within the Sacramento Region to promote shared business and economic interests with the university*

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## Office of Innovation and Tech Transfer

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