The Office of Research, Innovation, and Economic Development (ORIED) assists faculty and staff seeking external support for their research and scholarly activities, and works in conjunction with UEI Sponsored Programs Administration which manages the resulting awards. ORIED provides the following services:

**Finding Funding**
- Conduct funding searches and provide guidance on accessing the SPIN/SMARTS funding database
- Provide guidance on federal, state, and private funding opportunities
- Assist with determining suitability of funding agency/program

**Research Proposal and Narrative Development**
- Assist with conceptualizing and refining project ideas and logic models or other visualizations
- Provide guidance connecting to on-campus resources for specialized expertise, e.g., statistics help
- Provide content and editorial reviews of proposal narratives, offering critiques from a reviewer’s perspective
- Facilitate development of interdisciplinary and collaborative proposals
- Arrange for concept or proposal review by an external agency/content expert
- Provide guidance on organizing proposal teams and communicating with program officers
- Provide guidance on resources for enhancing student research opportunities

**Application and Budget Development**
- Review and interpret application guidelines and provide guidance on funder policies and practices
- Navigate and provide technical assistance with electronic proposal submission systems
- Assist with developing budgets and budget narratives/justifications
- Assist with supporting documents including application forms; review for research compliance components and provide referrals to appropriate university contacts
- Initiate Proposal Approval Form (PAF) and facilitate obtainment of other University approvals
- Submit hard copy and electronic proposals
- Review terms and conditions of grant awards, negotiating with sponsors as needed

**Contract Development**
- Provide guidance when government agencies or private business seek expertise of faculty, centers, and institutes
- Assist in developing Scopes of Work (SOWs) and contract budgets
- Develop, review and negotiate contract terms and conditions, ensuring compliance with University and UEI policies and practices

**Research Integrity and Institutional Compliance**
- Work with faculty to ensure compliance with university, state and federal regulations in the areas of:
  - Animal care and use
  - Conflict of interest
  - Export controls
  - Protection of human subjects in research
  - Intellectual property
  - Responsible conduct of research

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