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Sponsored Projects and Research Compliance (SPaRC)
2016 Retreat Committee

Dear SPaRC Retreat Committee Members:

I am pleased to nominate the team of Chris Bland, Michael Kammin and Traci Vaughan of Administrative Information Technology Services (AITS) and Brian Rogers of the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) for consideration of the Sponsored Projects and Research Compliance (SPaRC) 2016 Collaboration award. Chris, Mike, Traci, and Brian comprised the lead team responsible for the innovative development and redeployment of the myResearch portal found at www.myresearch.uillinois.edu. Working in collaboration, the four were instrumental in reconfiguring the portal to coincide with the implementation of the Kuali Coeus research administrative information system. Their efforts were critical to the success of the implementation of the new software for the myResearch Portal also serves as the interface for accessing and extracting Kuali Coeus data for all but the central office users.

Their innovative and collaborative efforts will improve the transparency of research administration by providing the investigators, administrators, and staff a simplified process for accessing sponsored data without the need to learn and access the legacy database. Furthermore, the transparency of the portal enables the institutional administrative leadership to quickly search individual projects, investigators, or units and provides them with a proposal status or project expenditure data in near real-time. In conjunction with future initiatives, the development of the portal provides the institution the opportunity to realize greater efficiency in administrative tasks through reduction of duplicative data entry and improved automation tools.

The Portal 2.0 release required the changing of internal processes and the associated logic and data elements. The conversion of legacy data into Kuali Coeus required the team to analyze the legacy formats to align with new formats to ensure accuracy and consistency. On-site training was given in advance of the rollout by the team as well as demos highlighting the development. While more work needs to be done to increase the search efficiency, Chris, Mike, Traci, and Brian are dedicated to the evolution and improvement of the portal. Their collaborative and innovate efforts will serve the institution for years to come.

Sincerely,



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Chris, Mike, Traci and Brian were tasked with the goal of totally revamping myResearch portal by integrating it with the new Kual Research software, designing new and intuitive user interface, creating a robust searching and filtering capabilities, and providing a totally transparent view of the lifecycle of a proposal at one's finger tips. They worked tirelessly to identify the mission crucial data from Kual Research software, diligently sought after user inputs to formulate proper use cases, iterated multiple prototypes for user feedback, and ultimately delivered a totally redesigned myResearch Portal. Using this portal, Principle Investigators, business managers, and administrators can access proposals & grants information at any time, from anywhere, and in any smart devices.

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