



BRAKE

**BORDERLESS RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION
KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**

BRAKE Faculty: The University of Maryland's administrative training program, *Borderless Research Administration Knowledge Exchange (BRAKE)*, focuses on engaging international institutions as strategic cohorts concentrated on building expertise and collaboration in the management and oversight of U.S. federal funding.

Denise Clark is the Associate Vice President for Administration in the Division of Research at the University of Maryland, College Park. She is responsible for providing support to the campus community's research, creative activities, and outreach initiatives, a vibrant enterprise that brought in \$560 million in external research awards last year. Her responsibilities include oversight of pre-award activities, such as proposal preparation and submission, award negotiation and management, sub-award issuance, and monitoring; post-award activities, including financial reporting, costing, data analytics, and financial compliance; electronic research administration; administrative oversight of regulatory compliance committees (including the use of human subjects, animal welfare, export controls, and conflicts of interest); and Strategic Research Administrative processes, including but not limited to International Strategic Research Partnerships, collaborations with our University of Maryland Baltimore campus, and complex interdisciplinary Centers and Institutes. In addition, on behalf of the Vice President for Research, Denise is responsible for all budgetary and human resource actions within the Division. She also launched UMD's Borderless Research Administration Knowledge Exchange (BRAKE) initiative to facilitate international research collaborations by reducing administrative obstacles for researchers and encouraging joint proposal endeavors, research administration, and research exchange programs.

Ann Holmes is currently the Assistant Dean, Finance and Administration for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her responsibilities include oversight of activities for budget preparation and control, contracts and grants, compliance with University, State and federal regulations, ethical stewardship of funds, and planning to assure responsible fiscal management. Prior to her position in BSOS she was the Director of Finance for the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Study of Language (CASL) a multi-million dollar federally funded research center. She was the former Assistant Comptroller, Contract and Grant Accounting at the University and was responsible for the post-award administration of over \$300 million in research awards.

Rebecca Hunsaker is the Executive Director for Research Management in the Dean's Office of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS) at the University of Maryland, College Park. Her primary responsibilities involve compliance and reporting activities on sponsored projects. She reviews each proposal from departments before they reach the sponsored research office, manages human subjects incentives/compensation for the College, oversees the Dean's annual seed grant program, and ensures ethical stewardship of sponsored funding. She regularly develops and conducts training sessions and workshops for the College and the University on budgeting, departmental-sponsored project management, data management tools for research management, and federal compliance issues as they arise. Rebecca has been at the University of Maryland since 2003 when she started as a research assistant in a federally-funded research center, and has worked at the departmental and central levels on

budget development and management, proposal development and submission, and a variety of compliance issues at every level.

Beth Brittan-Powell began her career as a researcher in a well-funded NIH psychoacoustics lab at UMD: she has a PhD in Neuroscience, over 20 years of research experience, and managed a large research lab for 8 years before shifting to research administration. As an administrator, she worked as a grants development specialist for the Neuroscience and Cognitive Science graduate program for 5 year before joining the Office of the Vice President for Research within the Division of Research at UMD in 2012. Beth's responsibilities in the Division over the years spans the management of Joint Research Collaborations, promoting the research partnerships between the College Park and Baltimore (professional schools) campuses, College Park and International Strategic Partners, and the Brain and Behavior Initiative. She served on the Conflict of Interest, Research Safety and Operations, and Laboratory Operations Committees. In Jan 2022, Beth became the Director of the COI Office at UMD.