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Developing Successful Leaders for the Future

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Content

- *We will share how strong a department can be when leaders are grown within*
- *Training techniques and mentorship programs to help employees succeed and grow*
- *Creating a personalized career ladder*
- *Identification and development of leaders by recognizing individuals with leadership qualities*
- *Providing the necessary skills and tools to be strong and successful leaders*

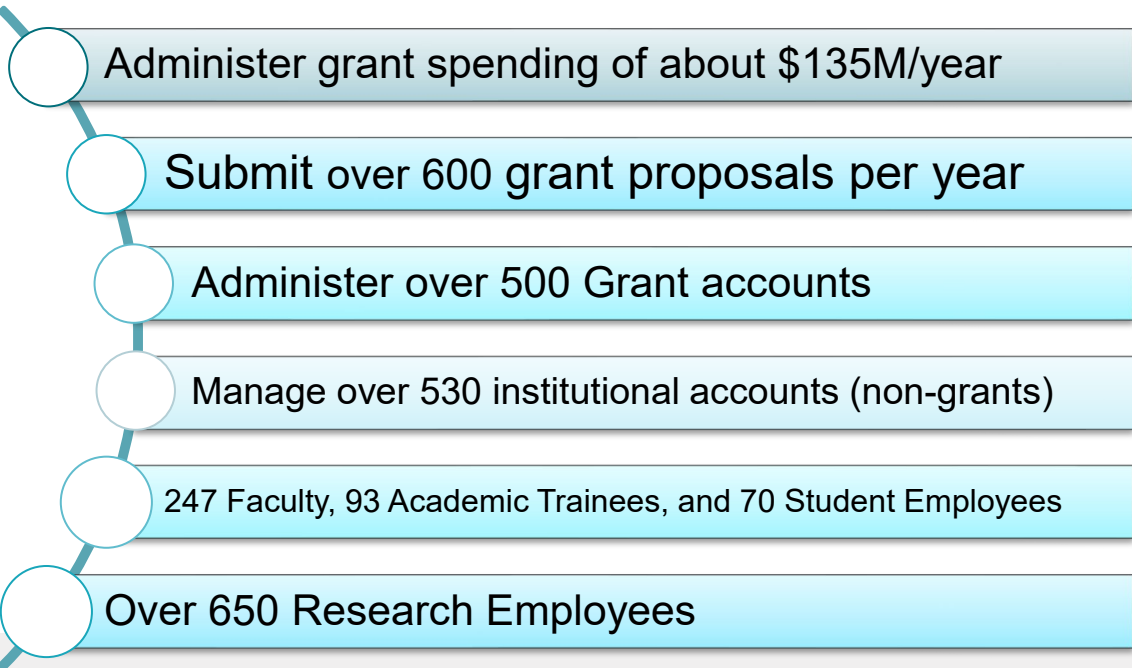
University of Pittsburgh – Department of Psychiatry

Top Ranked Department of Psychiatry since the mid 1980's
\$112M received in funding from NIH in FY24 with 40% success rate
21% of the University of Pittsburgh total funding
The University of Pittsburgh was ranked 8th in the country



Office of Grants and Contracts

The OGC operates as a central office proxy designed to offset the impact of a high-volume submission and active grants management portfolio





OGC Teams

Pre-Award Team

- Oversees the submission of research grants, contracts, and training proposals

Post-Award Team

- Provides fiscal management and assures compliance with sponsor regulations

Fiscal Team

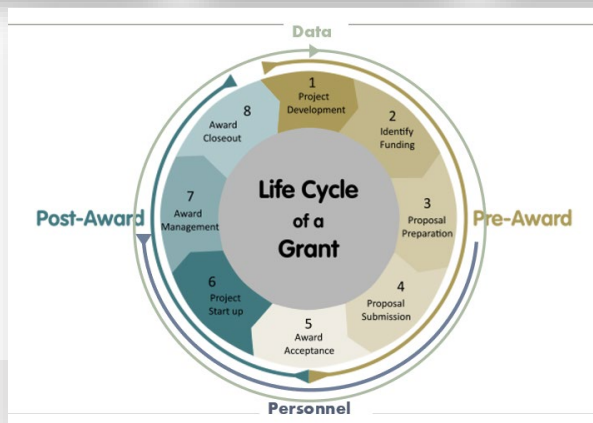
- Manages institutional accounts (non-grant)

Personnel Team

- Processes HR actions for UPMC research employees and Pitt trainees

Data Team

- Develops and maintains extensive research related databases



OGC Leadership



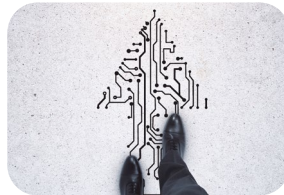
In the past 20 years,
each team had a
max of 3 leadership
changes



All our leaders grew
within



Personnel in
leadership averages
16.5 years of
service



Leadership notion is
present early in the
staff career

Identifying Leaders

Natural Skills



- Listening
- Strives for excellence
- Empathy
- Commitment
- Charisma
- Confidence
- Excellent communication skills
- Inspire others
- Integrity
- Hard Work
- Discipline
- Ownership

Who wants to be a leader



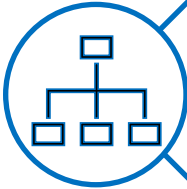
- Open Communication
- Identify Strengths and Weaknesses
- Leadership Skills
- Individual Goals
- Organization Goals
- Level of comfort

Pay attention

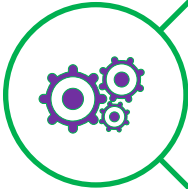


- Challenges
- Provide leadership experiences
- Interaction with others
- Decision Making
- Changes
- Adaptability
- Create Environment of working together

Opportunities to grow



Building a Career Ladder and introducing leadership at the Grants Specialist II level



Make process improvement and innovation a priority

- Part of committees / lead projects
- Welcome new ideas / different ways



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Provide tools

Training – knowledge, skills, experience

- Outside training
- Peer to Peer
- Cross-Training

Mentorship

- Formal (assigned mentor) or Informal (finding your own mentor)
- Buddy System
- Examples: CRA, public speaking

Develop Communication Skills

Exercise Critical Thinking

Continuous Learning

Provide feedback

Retention

Celebrate
Success

Regular
check-ins

Two-way
communication

Lead by
Example

Provide
Support



Thank you