Office of the Vice President for Research  
Human Resources Office

“Frequent Fliers”

OVPR Human Resources Office is moving to North End Center

Associate Vice President for Research Operations Martin Daniel has announced additional office relocations and personnel changes as research personnel transition to the North End Center. The Office of the Vice President for Research’s (OVPR) Human Resources Unit, consisting of Amel Cuskovic and Kristin Gilbert, will move from its current location in Burruss Hall to join other members of the OVPR team located on the fourth floor of North End Center. The HR office will experience minimal interruption and will provide continuing support to employees and departments employing research faculty university-wide. The move will enable HR staff to work in close proximity with OVPR managers and employees and strengthen its working relationship with central human resources, which will also be located in the North End Center. This move will occur on April 10-11.

Beginning April 11, OVPR-HR will receive mail at its new mail code 0921. New address will be: 300 Turner St. NW, Suite 4100, Blacksburg, VA 24061

For questions and general inquiries, please email ovpr-hr@vt.edu.

Funding Compliance for Research Faculty

It is expected of a senior researcher to write grants and become self-sufficient self-funded, but that is not the responsibility of the sponsor supporting a specific research project. The burden is on the department to create a mechanism that allows a senior researcher to write grants not on a sponsored project. This is all tied to effort reporting because a researcher has to certify how they spent their time. A researcher cannot spend 100% of their effort on a research project of which they were being paid 100% yet were conducting other duties such as serving on committees, writing grants, consulting, etc. Appropriate leave or labor redistribution has to be processed accommodating for other activities outside traditional research.

A video is available at: http://research-vt.adobeconnect.com/p46472258/

Recruiting for multiple Research Faculty positions

Recruiting for multiple positions is a departmental decision and as long as funds are available then in theory this should be fine. You would need to request additional position numbers through the Office of Equity and Access, if the position is already posted. However, you will have to ensure a position description exists in PeopleAdmin for each additional position.

Open Enrollment May 1-May 24th, 2013

For more information visit: http://www.vtnews.vt.edu/notices/032013-hr-openenrollment.html

If interested in Research Faculty Training / Information Session, please contact us at ovpr-hr@vt.edu or call 231-9359.