

# DIVISION OF RESEARCH

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The Division of Research provides opportunities, fosters collaboration and innovation, and supports a teacher-scholar approach for faculty, student and staff engagement in research, scholarly and creative activities. The units in our division proactively strive to create an inclusive, equitable and diverse environment to inform, guide and support research, scholarly and creative activities.

## WHAT WE DO

<a href="#">Office of the Vice President (VPO)</a>	Internal programs, educational outreach, budgeting, leadership, management
<a href="#">Grants Development Office (GDO)</a>	Identify funding sources, provide pre-award support and guidance for externally-funded projects
<a href="#">Sponsored Programs Office (SPO)</a>	Provide post-award administrative support and guidance, ensure compliance procedures for externally-funded projects
<a href="#">Research Integrity &amp; Compliance (RIC)</a>	Support the ethical conduct of research on campus, human & animal subjects research approval, export control oversight, research integrity & misconduct
<a href="#">Office of Student Research (OSR)</a>	Increase equitable & transparent student research opportunities, support professional development, increase submission and success of proposals that include & fund student researchers
<a href="#">Corporate Engagement and Innovation (CEI)</a>	Industry partnerships and research, economic development, tech transfer, fee for service agreements, pre- and post-award for non-profit and foundations

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# FALL 2023 UPDATE

## WHERE WE ARE: FOCUSING ON BASICS

- Consistent leadership with a three-year Interim VPR
- Ongoing staffing improvements
  - o RIC: two new staff—Export Control Officer and Compliance Coordinator
  - o SPO: Director, Post-award Analyst (2 more recruitments ongoing/upcoming)
  - o GDO: two new Pre-award Analysts, Director recruitment ongoing
- Return to a Teacher-Scholar inspired focus on Research, Scholarly & Creative Activity
  - o CEI: restructuring with research at core of our industry, community engagement
  - o Graduate Education has returned to Academic Affairs
  - o Establish a faculty fellows program to enhance shared governance and knowledge
  - o Ongoing discussions about additional resources for faculty scholarly support
  - o 2022-23, provided second highest level of internal funding (\$924k) for faculty led projects
    - o (New) Proposal Development Program
    - o (New) Teacher-Scholar Mini Grant Program
    - o Continued support from Provost for RSCA Grant Program
- Implementing electronic research administration software system: “My Cal Poly Research”
  - o Why: greater efficiency, visibility, and flexibility
  - o The first giant step in stabilizing pre-award analysts’ workloads
- F&A/Indirect cost
  - o Indirect Costs are the business expenses not readily captured by a single project’s scope of work but that are necessary for the general operation of the organization and the conduct of the grants-related activities it performs.
  - o Our current F&A is 38.5% (effective rate is 21-22%);
  - o 80% of division budget comes from F&A, mainly for funding staff
  - o We are beginning a longform application that may yield an increased F&A rate, but we won’t see impact from this for 3-4 years; and only for new awards after that date
- RIDC (returned indirect cost)
  - o Developing a policy for RIDC in collaboration with Deans and faculty.
  - o For the last two years, we have returned 100% of our unallocated F&A, equivalent to 8-10% of the total recovered F&A.
  - o The past practice of 25/30% return is untenable as it undercuts the division staffing.
  - o The financial reality is that the institution cannot simultaneously increase RIDC and increase staffing as these costs come from the same pool of F&A.