

VCU Research Administrator Day - Agenda
Wednesday, September 23, 2026. 9am - 3pm
James Branch Cabell Library, Lecture Room 303

Time	Session Title & Description
9 - 9:15 AM	RA Day Planning Committee Welcome - Maecy Richmond, Director of Research Administration, College of Health Professions - Liz Seward, Senior Research Administrator, College of Health Professions Staff Senate Introduction - Maya Rogers, Financial Services Manager, Academic Operations, Office of the Provost
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks Jimmy Ghaphery, Associate Dean for Scholarly Communications and Publishing
9:30 – 10:10 AM	Research Presentations What Introverted Leaders Bring? - Ella Danilovich, Senior Website Developer, OVPRI Virginia Partnership for Gaming and Health - Carolyn E. Hawley, PhD, Professor, Rehabilitation Counseling
10:10 – 10:30 AM	Break - RA Networking Activity (Human Bingo)
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Community Engaged Research Panel Discussion - Maghboeba Mosavel, PhD, Vice Provost for Community Engagement, Division of Community Engagement, Office of the Provost - Ana Diallo, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Adult Health and Nursing Systems, School of Nursing - Stephanie Hart, EdD, Dir. of Finance and Research Administration, Office of the Provost - Daniel Gutierrez, PhD, Assistant Vice Provost for VCU Convergence, Office of University Convergence Initiatives - Ann-marie Taranto, Executive Director of Human Resources, VCU School of Medicine
11:30 - 12:00 PM	What Can the library do for you? Nina Exner, PhD, Research Data Librarian, VCU Libraries
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch & RA Appreciation Slideshow: <i>Lunch provided</i> The Cabell Room, an exhibit resembling a Victorian library with books from the personal collection of James Branch Cabell, will be open for small group self guided tours.
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Research Administrator Presentations Uniform Guidance Revisions Update - Annie Publow, Dir. of Sponsored Programs, Government/Non-Profit; Javeria Kazi, Dir. of Grants and Contracts Accounting; Cathy Short, Training Manager Stronger Together: How Collaboration Between Finance and Research Administration Creates Better Outcomes for Our Teams and Investigators - Lori Pfister, Director of Business Operations, Shared Services Business Operations Administrator, SOM - Abbie Thorne, Associate Director, Post Award Administration, SOM
1:45 – 2:00 PM	Break
2:00 – 2:45 PM	State of Research and One VCU Research Strategic Priorities Plan Lisa Ballance, Associate Vice President, Research Strategy and Regulatory Affairs, OVPRI
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Award Ceremony A final ceremony to present distinguished colleagues with the following awards: Research Administrator of The Year, Outstanding Leadership in Research Administration, Research Administrator Rookie of The Year, Collaborator of The Year, Behind The Scenes