

VCU Research Administrator Day - Draft Agenda

Friday, September 26, 2025

Morning sessions: College of Health Professions Auditorium

Lunch & Afternoon sessions: Larrick Student Center, Court End Ballroom (A-B)

VCU Research Administrator Day is a celebration of the research administration (RA) profession and our RA community at VCU. Through a series of presentations, roundtable discussions, and an award ceremony; faculty, senior leaders, and administrators from around the University will share their contributions to One VCU Research and champion the RAs that made it possible.

Time	Session Title & Description
9:15 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	What's New in the VCU RA World <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Ecosystems Minor<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Dr. Laurie Cathers, Liz Fortune• RA Projections Process<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Aditi Sharma and Cassandra Johnson
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM	RA Career Chats <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Danielle Terrell, Asst. Dir. of Finance and Research, Massey• Bert Waters, Assistant Professor, Center on Aging, CHP• Nina Exner, Research Data Librarian, VCU Libraries
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM	Break
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Student Research Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 3 Minute Thesis & Poster Symposium Students<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Badi Quiteros Espinoza○ Dana Kneisley○ Jessica Maltman
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch & Networking Caterer - tbd
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Family Feud - Research Administration Theme
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM	A Day in the Life Round Tables
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 – 4:00 PM	State of Research and RA Appreciation (Dr. S. Rao)
4:00 – 4:15 PM	Award Ceremony A final ceremony to present distinguished colleagues with the following awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research Administrator of The Year• Outstanding Leadership in Research Administration• Research Administrator Rookie of The Year• Collaborator of The Year• Behind The Scenes
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