Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs

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Pre-award research administration serves as the central point of coordination for grants and contractual obligations from individuals, foundations, government and public agencies; and industrial, financial and private organizations to support sponsored research and service activities at Georgia Southern University, offering identification and dissemination of funding opportunities; proposal development and editing services; project budget development; assistance with forms, guidelines and submission requirements; routing of proposals for institutional approval; proposal submission; contract and award negotiation; award acceptance and modification; materials transfer, data use and other contractual areas; project management assistance; and other areas as needed.

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