Resource Mobilization and Stakeholder Engagement

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One challenge of research administration is to identify the best way to mobilize central office resources in support of the research community. Over the past year, in an effort to make connections between the expertise of the Office of Research and Project Administration (ORPA) and the research community, we have run initiatives that focus on in-person outreach to stakeholders that range from Trio meetings (PDM, GMS, and RFM presentations at faculty meetings), New PI Trios, Repurposing (in-person outreach to individual PIs) and a Research Funding Strategy initiative (planning meetings with department chairs). Our approach is unique because each type of meeting can be tailored to the specific needs of the department or individual.

Initial assessment of the initiatives shows a successful information exchange between ORPA and departments, increased submission of applications through PI utilization of resources, and increased collaboration between ORPA and PIs as well as among ORPA members themselves.

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