

Dear Research Colleagues & Community,

As I continue to learn more about the UNM community and especially the needs of the research community, I plan to provide regular (but not inbox-filling!) communications with campus to highlight some of the (perhaps a bit behind-the-scenes) activities of OVPR. As last month we highlighted some personnel changes within OVPR, the next couple of messages will provide updates on important and ongoing discussions and initiatives.

As the OVPR seeks to enhance and grow the research enterprise at UNM, research computing and information technology support represents a critical area of focus. Thus, we have engaged in numerous conversations across multiple levels to initiate a more intentional effort to establish support for research IT needs. A key element of this is the adoption of a **Research IT Strategic Plan**, developed by the Research IT Advisory Board. Thanks to Karl Benedict, Patrick Bridges, and Mark Emmons for spearheading this effort. More recently, **the IT Governance Council** has also begun discussions of the structural, cultural, and fiscal challenges in meeting the research and computing data needs of UNM's researchers.

We have also added new capabilities with **InfoReady Review**, a platform designed for internal funding and recognition opportunities. InfoReady manages announcements, submissions, reviews, and notifications for internal opportunities and limited competitions for external funding opportunities. The Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO) has piloted InfoReady over the past few months and is now running all limited competitions through this portal. Researchers should also check out the [InfoReady portal](#) for a complete list of all limited and internal competitions. Kudos go to the leadership of Monica Fishel and Grace Faustino who have been instrumental in the InfoReady implementation process!

With the Research IT Advisory Board, we are currently developing an implementation plan for a university-wide site license for **Qualtrics**, a cloud-based platform for creating and distributing web-based surveys. The site license will be available to all UNM faculty, staff, and students across all UNM campuses (including main and branch campuses). Look for more information on the timeline and potential training sessions later this fall.

OVPR and the Center for Advanced Research Computing (CARC) are teaming up to provide **Linux Support** to UNM researchers. We are in the beginning phases of recruiting 1-2 research computing systems specialists to support faculty and researchers utilizing Linux operating systems. We look forward to providing this needed support and potentially expanding on it in the future.

Finally, the OVPR, in partnership with Central IT services and Financial Services Management (FMS) have launched a year-long implementation process for a new electronic research administration (eRA) platform, **Streamlyne**, which was selected as part of an internal procurement process. Streamlyne, a cloud-based software platform for research administration and sponsored projects, will integrate with HR and financial systems (i.e., Banner), and include modules to support research compliance areas such as the institutional review board (IRB), export control, and conflicts of interest (COI). Thanks to Interim Assistant VPR Melissa Emery Thompson for serving as a faculty liaison to the implementation team.



For regular communications out of our office on the Streamlyne implementation timeline and key milestones that will affect members of the research community, please join the Streamlyne listserv—To subscribe, email listserv@list.unm.edu, leave the subject line blank and type: “subscribe streamlyne-info-I YourFirstName YourLastName”. We welcome questions and feedback about the implementation by email to assocvpr@unm.edu.

As a reminder, [please register to join us](#) for the 66th Annual Research Lecture on Monday, October 25th. We are now also [accepting nominations](#) for the next Community Engaged Research Lecture award.

I hope you have a fun and safe Halloween!
-Ellen