REEP has entered Phase II in the development of a comprehensive, accessible and consistent collection of research related policies. As the phase progresses, ORA policies will continue to be drafted, reviewed and released in the coming months.

Fiscal Policies: REEP, in collaboration with ORA Grants Services and with input from departmental administrators, has released the following four new fiscal research-related policies:

- Cost Sharing on Sponsored Programs
- Residual Income on Fixed Price Sponsored Programs
- Sponsored Programs (Grants and Contracts) and Gifts: Definitions and Administration
- Underwriting Grants and Contracts

Compliance Policies: A new policy regarding Research with Human Subjects has been developed, reviewed and implemented. Policies related to research with animals, rDNA, and export control regulations are in the process of being reviewed by Compliance Services, campus research officers, research committees of faculty council and the Vice President for Research.

Processes and Procedures

REEP joined the Indianapolis School of Medicine IACUC in evaluating their standard operating procedures to help make them more efficient and effective for not only the IACUC, but also the researchers. The policies have been reviewed and approved by the IACUC and will be put into effect in the summer of 2011.

As a component of ORA’s on-going program of quality improvement, REEP, in collaboration with other ORA units, continues to develop and initiate service surveys to give researchers an opportunity to share their recent experience with ORA services. ORA operations with current surveys include, Clinical Trials Contracting, Institutional Review Board (IRB), and Grants Services for Proposal Preparation & Submission. In the future, we will have service surveys for other ORA operations such as Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), and Grant Services: Award Acceptance & Administration and Account Close-out.

Education

In collaboration with other ORA units and the Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), REEP developed and conducted an educational program for experienced research coordinators, entitled Research Coordinators Certification Program (RCCP). This program aimed at enhancing the knowledge, skills and competencies of experienced research coordinators. Upon completion, the research coordinators are granted specific authorities not currently granted to non-ORA staff. We are planning to offer this program again during the spring.

REEP, in partnership with Poynter Center, University Graduate School and other campus partners is developing a RCR Workshop Series. The series is designed to offer two sessions each semester featuring a panel of faculty, post-docs, and/or graduate students who will discuss a specific topic within the area of the responsible conduct of research. The first two sessions, scheduled for March and April, will focus on mentoring and authorship. Future sessions will include such topics as collaborative science, intellectual property, and translational research.