

Position Title: Senior Research Office Manager Position Reports To: COO		Date Prepared: 11/04/2024 Theme/Team: Research
Key Relationships:		Primary Purpose:
Internal	<u>External</u>	To collaborate closely with researchers and principal investigators, providing proactive
Research Teams & Principal Investigators	Funding Agencies & Grant Bodies	support from ideation to grant applications, budget management, compliance with
Deputy Director(s) and Clinical Director	Industry Partners	regulations.
Director and COO	External Collaborations	
Head of Dept. of Florey Faculty	UoM	To provide leadership, overall administrative and operational assistance for research
Head of Legal & Compliance	Foundations	activities within The Florey, ensuring research operations align with the broader
Finance Manager		Institute strategy and objectives.
Head of People & Culture and HR]
GM Philanthropy]
GM Business Development		
Head of IT		1
Head of Media & Comms.		11
Facilities management		1

Primary Responsibilities

- Research Administration:
 - Manage the administrative processes related to research grant pre-award activities, applications, submissions, and post-award activities.
 - Oversee the development and submission of research proposals, ensuring compliance with funding agency guidelines.
 - Facilitate communication between researchers and funding agencies to address queries and resolve issues.

• Project Management and human resources:

- Coordinate and monitor research projects from initiation to completion, ensuring timelines and milestones are met.
- o Collaborate with principal investigators, research teams, platform coordinators and the finance team to develop and optimise project plans and budgets.
- Implement project management best practices to optimise research workflow efficiency.
- Act as the conduit for managing research project staff requirements, including hiring, onboarding, training and overseeing research staff.

• Compliance and Ethics:

- o Keep current with relevant regulations, policies, and ethical considerations in medical research.
- Ensure compliance with institutional and external guidelines, overseeing the preparation of documentation for regulatory approvals.
- Oversee operational support and provide high level assistance to the Administering Officer and REO in relation to preliminary assessments and formal investigations undertaken in accordance with the Code.

Budget and Financial Management:

- In conjunction with Research Finance, co-ordinate assistance (as required by researchers) to manage research budgets, including tracking expenses, forecasting, and financial reporting.
- Work closely with finance to ensure accurate financial records and compliance with budgetary constraints.
- Work closely with IT to ensure research projects have necessary technology infrastructure and data management protocols in place.

• Team Leadership and development:

- Involvement in hiring, training and overseeing research office support staff.
- Lead a team of research office staff, providing guidance, mentoring, and support.
- Foster a collaborative and positive work environment to enhance team productivity and morale.

• Communication and Collaboration:

- Act as a liaison between researchers, UoM (including RIC and MDHS financial administrators) and other administrative functions or divisions (including; legal, media & comms, research finance, philanthropy, IT, HR, E&I, Neuroscience Trials Australia) to facilitate effective communication.
- o Collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to enhance research partnerships and opportunities.
- Build and maintain strong relationships to enhance research opportunities.

• Support the collective vision and mission of the Florey through

- o open and collaborative communication that promotes positive and respectful relationships
- o fostering and supporting innovation within the team and broader Institute teams
- o excellence in practice driven by a focus on equity, diversity and inclusivity

 Occupational Health & Safety: Eliminate, or otherwise reduce so far as practicable, the risks of injuries, diseases and ill health that arise as a result of Florey Institute activities through compliance with the Florey OH&S policy and procedure Continually incorporate and support improvement of the management of OH&S practices for Florey related activities Create and promote a positive and equitable workplace through awareness of issues that impact on health and wellbeing 	 Skills/Qualifications: Strong project management skills and ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously. Relevant Masters/ PhD or equivalent scientific background understanding. Exceptional stakeholder management and communication skills. Excellent leadership and interpersonal skills. Proficiency in next generation research management software applications (E.g. Endpoint Iq) and tools for project management and financial tracking. Strong problem-solving skills with the ability to remove roadblocks across complex, multi stakeholder teams.
Experience/Knowledge:	General Attributes:

 Proven track record and research administration experience, preferably in a medical research setting. Previous managerial or leadership role within a Research Office. In depth knowledge of research funding mechanisms, grant application processes and regulatory requirements relevant to the Australian higher education sector. 	 Highly adaptable to new situations and quick to learn Strong work ethic and willingness to go the extra mile. Strong team player, ability to work collaboratively with others towards collective goals. Ability to take the initiative and be proactive. Convey a positive and optimistic attitude.
Employee Name:	Employee Signature: