## **Research Administration Certificate Program Tracking Form**

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Session	Date Attended	
1. Overview of Sponsored Research	71000110100	
The kick-off session of the Research Administration Certificate Program will cover topics including the		
research and regulatory environment, sponsored projects policies, the life cycle of an award, and an overview		
of the Office of Sponsored Programs.		
2. Proposal Development		
This session provides an overview of the information available on the OSP website and covers the proposal		
preparation process from completing the Request for Proposal Assignment form to the routing process.		
3. Proposal Budget Development		
This session provides an overview of the proposal budgeting process to include detailed budget categories as		
well as allowable costs.		
4. Federal Government Contracting and Subcontracting		
This session will review the differences between federal grants, contracts and cooperative agreements. This		
session will also introduce relevant federal contract laws such as the OMB Uniform Guidance, the Federal		
Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Export Control Laws, and newly enacted laws governing data security and		
controlled, unclassified information.		
5. Award Acceptance and Management		
This session will provide an overview of the award acceptance and setup process and best practices that can		
be used for the post award management of your projects from the central OSP and college/department level		
perspectives here at Mason.		
6. PI Report and Reconciliation		
This hands-on session will provide an overview of the PI Report in MicroStrategy. The GMU reconciliation		
policy, overall reconciliation process, sample templates to track both personnel transactions and direct		
expenditures, and sample reconciliations will be reviewed.		
7. Administering Labor Expenditures on Sponsored Project		
This session provides an overview of managing labor expenditures on sponsored projects.		
8. Administering Non-Labor Expenditures on Sponsored Projects		
This session provides an overview of managing non-labor expenditures on sponsored projects.		
9. Research Compliance Overview		
This session will review federal requirements for research with animals and human subjects, conflicts of		
interest, research misconduct, responsible conduct of research and export controls.		
10. Financial Compliance Overview & Audits		
This session provides an overview of the many regulations and compliance concerns pertaining to post award		
administration to include unallowable charges, cost transfers, Fly America Act, and more.		
11. Financial Reporting, Billing, and Closeout		
In this session, OSP's Financial Reporting and Billing team will review the different types of sponsored awards,		
invoices, and financial reports. Payroll certification, cost share, and the award closeout process will be		
discussed.		
12. Bringing It All Together: A Day as a Research Administrator		
The Research Administrators who have attended all sessions (1-11) will be participating in case study		
discussions on various rules and policies impacting decisions related to sponsored programs. The Research		
Administrator Certificates will be awarded during this session.		

Please scan / send a copy to <a href="mailto:psperry@gmu.edu">psperry@gmu.edu</a> or Pat Sperry MSN 4C6 when you have completed sessions 1 – 11. You will receive an email with information on the last session (12) and the certificate presentation.

OSP Research Administrator Certificate Program information: <a href="http://osp.gmu.edu/abouttraining/">http://osp.gmu.edu/abouttraining/</a>

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