MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC), a high-research-activity public university, is committed to research, instruction, and public service. Research is in the responsibility area of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (OVCR); the Office of Sponsored Projects Administration (OSPA) reports to the OVCR and is headed by a Director.

OSPA MISSION

The mission of OSPA is to facilitate, support, and advance the research efforts (including research training and scholarly and creative activities) of the faculty, staff, and students of SIUC as part of the University’s larger mission. OSPA is the University office through which all external grant proposals must be submitted and through which grant and contract awards must be accepted. The Director of OSPA signs off on all proposals, including federal certifications and assurances, and awards on behalf of the SIU Board of Trustees. OSPA also has the obligation to assure compliance with state and federal rules and regulations governing research, and to foster and uphold the highest ethical standards for that research.

OSPA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1. Increase and improve support for the internal and extramural research of faculty, staff, and students

Objective 1: Assist faculty, staff, and students in their research endeavors

Objective 2: Provide administrative support for internal programs that support the research mission

Goal 2. Communicate information about research-related news and activities

Goal 3. Maintain databases on external grants activity

Goal 4. Assure compliance with federal and state rules and state rules and regulations governing research

Goal 5. Foster and uphold the highest ethical standards for research endeavors at SIUC

Goal 6. Help to advance and expand the SIUC research enterprise