



# **Health Colleges Research Services**

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### **HCRS WELCOMES JOURDEN VANARSDALL!**

By Erin Gorman

On January 20th, we welcomed our newest team member, Jourden VanArsdall.

Jourden earned her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Healthcare Services and a Graduate Certificate in the Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse from Western Michigan University. She joins HCRS after spending five years with the MSU Clinical Translational Sciences Institute. There, she served in a clinical research coordinator role, managing federal and industry-funded and PI-initiated clinical trials performing all necessary tasks including study start-up, close out, regulatory duties, subject related services, and administration.

Jourden's familiarity with clinical research along with her completion of the Essentials of Research Administration series have allowed her to make an immediate impact in our office.

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### **CLINICAL RESEARCH & TRIALS F&A RATE CLARIFICATION**

The Office of Sponsored Programs and Business Connect, with input from the Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, has updated information on the SPA website in an effort to clarify F&A rates for clinical research and clinical trials. Changes include renaming the 'Industry' section as 'For-Profit' to better encompass potential funders of this type, and the addition of a new section, [Clinical Research and Clinical Trial Projects](#), which helps clarify derivation of the correct F&A rate based on both project initiator and funding source. Also clarified is the proper use of Total Direct Costs (TDC) vs Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) in F&A calculations for these types of projects & funding sources.

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### **HOW NIH CAN SUPPORT YOUR CAREER PATH**

By Theresa Couch

NIH [Research Training and Career Development](#) (RTCD) offers new guides to help you access programs targeting

four different [career tracks](#): physician-scientist, veterinarian-scientist, dentist-scientist, and research-scientist.

The interactive guide for the [research-scientist track](#), for example, begins at the undergraduate level and progresses through to the independent researcher stage. Each level includes links to resources applicable to that career stage.

RTCD offers an [institute/program matrix](#) as well as other [resources](#) to help you advance your career.

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