

## **Personal Statement**

Name: Heather Taylor, MBA, CRA

Current Position: Grants Operations Coordinator Senior, Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research

Previous Positions: Research Grants Coordinator, Center for Advancing Population Science

I am honored to be nominated and excited about the opportunity to serve the NCURA Region IV Board as an At-Large Member. I have been working in research administration at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc. since 2021. I initially applied for a different role at the Center for Advancing Population Science, however, was presented and offered a grant coordinator position. I appreciate that the center administrator saw that my skills and background would be good for research administration as I have truly enjoyed learning and working in research administration and was able to obtain my CRA in November 2024.

I have attended the 2023 national NCURA convention, the NCURA Fundamentals of Project Administration training, the NCURA webinar Bridging Success: Navigating from Proposal to Post-Award Triumph, and several other NCURA webinars since starting in research administration. Other professional activities that I have been a part of are the RACC CRA review session, the University of Michigan aiM Higher CRA review session, and the center staff awards committee. I have previously served on the Board of Directors as Vice-President of the Bay View Historical Society and annual dinner chair, and on the Nicolet High School Foundation Fine Arts Committee as the drama parent coordinator.

I am interested in serving the NCURA Region IV Board as an At-Large Member to support the Board and its commitment to advancing the field of research administration. I have been given a lot of support, guidance, and information from NCURA members and being a part of the NCURA Region IV Board as an At-Large Member would allow me to give back to the research administration community and support NCURA Region IV.