

## Personal Statement – Kelly Andringa

As a dedicated and passionate professional in the field of research administration, I am committed to advancing the mission of our organization through community building and collaborative efforts. My experience with the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) has equipped me with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully navigate the requirements of the co-chair position of Region IV. I am eager to continue contributing to the growth and success of our region within the national landscape.

My career started as a graduate student studying cancer biology at the University of Iowa. During the time of my training, I realized my skills and passions were not to run my own lab but to help others achieve their scientific goals through assisting them with their research applications. My time in postdoctoral training was to gain experience in submitting applications, publications, and leadership among the postdoc community. I worked my way up from Program Manager to Program Director learning many skills and gaining experience at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. My transition back to the University of Iowa was a benefit not only professionally but also personally. I have added supervision and more national facing skills while at Iowa. My career goals moving forward are to help bring people to the profession and build community across university experiences and roles.

## NCURA Activities

- Member, NCURA (2014-Present): Actively participating in NCURA events and conferences to stay updated on the latest trends and best practices in research administration.
  - Departmental Track, Contributing Editor, NCURA Magazine-(2024-Present)
  - Current Chair ERA Collaborate Committee 2022-2024 (Member since 2015)
  - Member, Research Program Committee (2022-Present)
- Presenter, NCURA Annual and Regional Meetings: Delivered presentations on topics such as grant management and compliance, sharing insights and strategies with peers.
  - FRA/PRA Workshop Presenter-New Orleans -also discussion group presentation that meeting.
  - Selected to present workshop and FRA/PRA Las Vegas (did not attend due to death in family)
  - PRA department track co-chair – Hawaii meeting (served as session lead for NIH virtual presenter)
- Committee Member, NCURA Region IV: Collaborated with fellow committee and region members to plan and execute regional events and initiatives.
  - MOO mentor (2022-Present)
  - Chair for Media Committee for Region IV research administration career development pilot program.
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## Other Professional Activities

- Member, Society of Research Administrators International (SRAI): Engaged in professional development opportunities and networking events.
- Served as Board Member for University of Iowa Graduate College

## Professional Positions Held

2021-Present Research Manager, Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation-University of Iowa

2019-2021 Program Director II, Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine -University of Alabama at Birmingham

2013-2019 Program Manager II, Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine -University of Alabama at Birmingham

*Please see attached Resume with more details about education, publications, and positions.*