

## **PERSONAL PROFILE:**

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My name is Mellani Lubuag and I am honored to be considered as a potential At-Large Member of the Region IV Board. As a member since 2022, NCURA has been instrumental in my professional development and I feel privileged to have an opportunity to serve this region and support its mission to advance the field of research administration.

I currently work as a departmental Post-Award Project Manager at the University of Minnesota and have been in my current role since 2020. I hold a BA and MA degree, and more recently a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. As a potential board member, I hope to bring this professional experience and my dedicated spirit of collaboration to any role or contribution.

In 2022 I participated in the Mentoring Our Own (MOO) program. From that experience I came to appreciate and experience first-hand the knowledge, expertise, and commitment of our volunteer mentors and was encouraged by that experience to get more involved. In 2023 I presented my MOO capstone project, "Project Management Principles in Research Administration." As a NCURA volunteer, I have co-presented at the 2023 and 2024 Spring Regional Meetings on topics related to collaborative team practices for research administration and cross-functional collaboration for institutional research groups, as well as served as a Registration Desk volunteer.

Although a newer member to NCURA, I have already benefited so much, and so my aim is to be of service in return. I am excited to get involved and give back to an organization that I understand to be critical to keeping pace with an ever-changing research environment. With your vote, I hope to continue my participation and contributions in service to that goal and to the organization's mission and members.