



## Message from the ADR



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Spring of 2022 has arrived! This is the last newsletter for the 21-22 academic year and my last newsletter as the Associate Dean for Research. It has been an honor to serve in the ADR role, which has afforded me the opportunity to learn more about all of the research and scholarship of the school, and the opportunity to get to know many of you better. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at UMSN and appreciate what each and every one of you give to your patients, your students, your colleagues and the School of Nursing every day.

As I shared during the State of the School presentation, you all have done a tremendous job the last two years of submitting and successfully being awarded grants, with a high of 31 awards in FY 2021 and almost 21 million in external funding this fiscal year (22), also a record.

The University of Michigan office of research continues to provide increased resources and opportunities for funding and development around the ability to address truly complex health problems through interdisciplinary teams. I want to highlight one new resource that Dr. Rebecca Cunningham highlighted earlier this month. It is a roadmap to the submission of large proposals.

<https://sites.google.com/umich.edu/large-scale-proposals/roadmap?authuser=0&pli=1>

This website is amazingly comprehensive, from providing the steps toward a major grant submission, information about who qualifies as PI for such a project, a link to requests for proposals and grant opportunities, and detailed steps for each phase of team and grant development.

As a School, we have talked on more than one occasion about how the big problems in health, including achieving health equity, will take expertise from a variety of perspectives, disciplines, theories and experiences. It is my hope that over the next academic year, some of you will take a look at this website and begin to seriously think about what problem you would like to tackle and what team you need to convene to do it. UMOR has a research development team (contact **Jill Jividen** at [jjgoff@umich.edu](mailto:jjgoff@umich.edu)) who can help design and facilitate sessions for your research team including brainstorming, proposal design and strategic planning. UMOR also has an internal funding opportunity to fund the development of large-scale center and initiative grants. The next deadline is **July 1, 2020**:

<https://umich.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1868704>

Did you know that UMOR also now has a graphics designer that can help develop graphics for your grant proposal? At least 6 weeks lead time is required. This is a tremendous resource that can make a difference in how your grant is perceived.

In summary then, please take some time this summer to re-evaluate your research trajectory and consider whether it might be time to wade into the water of tackling a major health care issue in the context of a team that may look a little different than any you have engaged in previously. There are more resources right now at UM than ever before to assist you.

Wishing all of you all the best,



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## GRO News

### Conflict of Interest and M-Inform

If you have been confused about what sort of reporting is needed related to grants and the University, Karen Kirchner is sharing a handy tool with you. It is a matrix of the categories of reporting requirements and what needs to be reported on M-inform and NIH other support pages. The PDF is housed on the UMSN office of research website under policies and procedures. The link follows:

<https://umich.instructure.com/courses/529199/files/folder/Policies?preview=25683280>

There are also some upcoming changes to conflict of interest (COI) management that ORSP has already begun to implement. Namely, you will now be asked to include your ORCID ID on your M-inform disclosures. NIH will begin to track COI by ORCID IDs. It is not yet mandatory, but the time is coming when it will be. If you don't already have an ORCID ID as a faculty member who publishes or does research, now is the time to register. It is easy to do at <https://orcid.org>.

### Other News from GRO

**Gary Vandermade**, one of the post award administrators, retired as of May 3, 2022. A position for GRO is currently posted. Please be patient as GRO works down one important FTE. As you are aware, awards and award dollars are up in the school so GRO is managing a large and complex portfolio across over 40 faculty. If you run into any issues with unmet needs, please reach out to Karen and me. We will do whatever we can to help.



Gary Vandermade

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## Research Day 2022 Recap

On April 12, 13 and 14 (Tuesday through Thursday), UMSN held its annual Research Day, virtually. There were 164 registrants and 68 blitz presentations (5-minute presentations showcasing research and scholarship).

Each day began with a plenary talk and then moved to 3 to 4 parallel sessions of blitz presentations.

On Tuesday, **Dr. Larissa Larsen**, Associate Professor and Chair of Urban and Regional Planning, spoke about the role of urban planners in health-related research and provided some ideas around collaborating with nursing.

A wonderful panel was convened on Wednesday that included **Dr. Mike O'Rourke**, Professor, Michigan State University; **Dr. Sheria Robinson Lane**, Assistant Professor, UMSN; **Dr. Massey Mutumba**, Assistant Professor,



UMSN; and **Dr. Charles Yingling**, Associate Dean for Professional Practice, Clinical Professor, UMSN. They discussed the role of teams in promoting health equity and what collaboration looks like when all stakeholders are involved.

**Dr. Angela Richard-Eaglin**, Associate Dean for Equity at Yale School of Nursing, spoke on Thursday. Dr. Richard-Eaglin talked about the idea of unacknowledged differences and the need for open communication.

If you missed Research Day, recordings of all of the plenary talks are available on our Canvas site at:

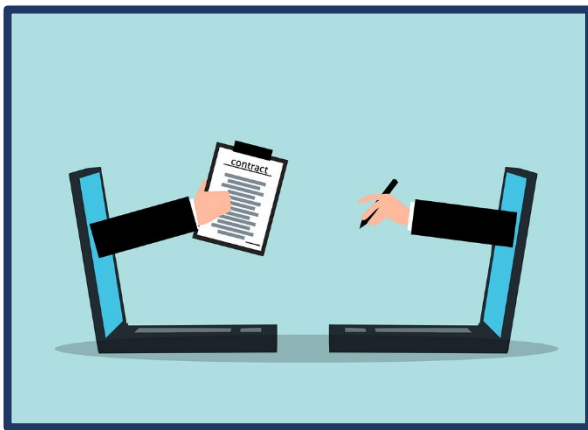
<https://umich.instructure.com/courses/529199/files/folder/Research%20Day%202022%20Materials>

The committee will begin meeting in August to plan the event for 2023!

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## Research Implementation News

For those of you doing remote consent education, you may be familiar with **SignNow**, which allows you to obtain signatures in a secure way. You can create an account and learn more at the following website:



<https://its.umich.edu/enterprise/administrative-systems/signnow/home>

The cost for SignNow is currently being covered by ITS, as a UM central resource. This will be the case through FY 2022 and 2023, at least for now. Faculty and staff wishing to use SignNow do have to provide a current short code. You can use a grant short code or your start up or research incentive fund short code, knowing it will not be charged. If you do not have a short code or have questions, please reach out to **Dr. Rob Ploutz-Snyder** at [robps@umich.edu](mailto:robps@umich.edu). At some point, there may be a per document charge, but this has not yet determined.

## Reminder about Internal Small Grant Funding Opportunity

On behalf of the Chairs and the Research Mission Working Group, I would like to remind you all of the funding opportunity that began in March, 2022. This funding is a result of a request from both of our Department Chairs, Drs. Larson and Stephenson. This opportunity is a small internal grants program that provides:

1. Flexible, timely funding to improve positioning for external funding,
2. Opportunities to implement evidence-based interventions in practice, and/or
3. Opportunities to improve health care.

It provides the potential for monthly funding (as funds last). Funding of up to \$7500 to be used over one year is possible. The funds should be used to accomplish a very specific objective around work that will result in a practice change, proof of concept innovation, or an external grant submission. **Requests for these funds must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in order to be considered for that month's funding.** One proposal will be funded per month. Faculty are eligible to receive support from these funds once every 2 years. Funds will be awarded monthly, by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month, as long as funds are available and if there is an eligible



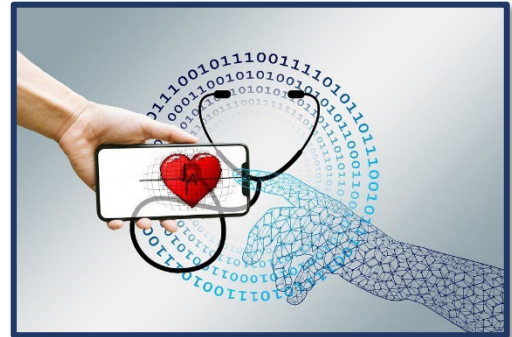
proposal. The full announcement is found here on the [U-M School of Nursing Office of Research Canvas website](#).

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### Upcoming Events from the Office of Research

The Office of Research is planning two upcoming professional development opportunities for the 2022-2023 academic year, and we wanted to make sure that you are aware.

The first workshop will be held during the early Fall semester, focusing on using Precision Health data and methods available to all U-M faculty to augment one's research portfolio. Precision Health is a University of Michigan initiative that provides access to > 4 million anonymized electronic health records, genotypes, and other relevant data as well as computational infrastructure to perform cutting edge research to identify approaches to improve health care. This seminar will introduce this broad range of resources that are available to researchers across the University of Michigan. **Dr. Sebastian Zöllner**, Professor of Biostatistics who holds an appointment in the Department of Psychiatry at U-M, will be leading this workshop.



The second workshop will be a panel discussion on how several UMSN faculty have incorporated undergraduate U-M students into their research programs, establishing a mutually beneficial experience for both student and faculty mentor. **Drs. Noël Arring, Sheria Robinson-Lane, and Gina Dahlem** will be our presenters, and each of them brings unique experiences about how they mentor the student learning experience around research, and augment their own research productivity.



While we have not finalized the dates of these workshops, please be sure to check your inbox for "save-the-date" emails. Both workshops will have a Zoom option, and will be recorded for asynchronous viewing, however we are hoping to see many of our colleagues at the "live" presentation too, as your participation will improve and personalize these opportunities.