Pre and Post-Award
Team One

Troy Rucker – Invoicing and Reporting
Prior to Troy’s arrival at the University of Georgia, he worked in the management field for many years creating and building strong relationships. While at UGA, he has worked as a Research Technician for two research projects that dealt with promoting strong families. In addition, he has worked as a Financial Aid Advisor assisting students and parents with satisfying their financial needs. He received an Associate’s Degree in Marketing Management at Athens Technical College, and a Master’s in Business Administration at Piedmont College.

Cedric Miller – Invoicing and Reporting
Cedric Miller is a Grants Accounting Specialist I for The University of Georgia. He is a graduate of Wayne State University in Michigan, a Research Intensive University or RU/VH rating given by the Carnegie Foundation. He graduated with degrees in management and accounting from Wayne State University School of Business an (AACSB) Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (5% of Business Schools worldwide). He worked in the medical field 11 years in Michigan with affiliates Michigan Department of Health, Virginia Park Medical Center and Henry Ford Health Systems.

Ken Dover – Awarding
Ken Dover’s service to UGA began 18 years ago as a culinarian at the GA Center for Continuing Education hotel and conference facility. His desire for serving others led him to grant administration eight years ago. Within those eight years, he has gained a vast amount of knowledge and now serves the campus as a Senior Grants Accounting Specialist. He seeks to enhance the experience of those he serves and to empower them by sharing his knowledge.

Melissa Mottley – Grants Administrator
Melissa Mottley serves as the Assistant Director for the Office for Sponsored Programs and is responsible for teaching new Sponsored Programs’ staff the basics of Sponsored Project Administration, as well as providing training opportunities to faculty and staff across campus. Mottley began her career at the University of Georgia in 2001 as an entry-level Grants Specialist in the Office for Sponsored Programs. She worked her way through the ranks and in 2008 was promoted to Assistant Director. In 2009, she completed the Research Administration & Management Program (RAMP), a program covering all aspects of sponsored research and in 2013 earned a Master of Research Administration from University of Central Florida.

Jake Maas – Grants Administrator
Jake Maas has worked in the Office for Sponsored Programs for eight years, four of those as a Senior Grants Officer. Over the course of his OSP career he has reviewed over 2,000 proposals on behalf of faculty in the College of Education, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, Marine Sciences, Physics & Astronomy, Anthropology, the Georgia Museum of Art, the UGA Libraries, Mathematics, Social Work, Genetics, and the College of Veterinary Medicine, among others. He has a decade and a half of freelance proofreading and editing experience. He is permanently “A.B.D.,” holding a Master’s degree in English from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Likes: that sound of relief in a PI’s voice when he/she realizes that there IS someone who can interpret that solicitation, which appears to have been written by a talented but distracted monkey. Dislikes: Federal Acquisition Regulation (“FAR”) Clauses.
Brandon Fris – Grants Administrator
Brandon Fris is a Grants Specialist in the pre-award office. Brandon was hired as a Grants Specialist in September 2014. Prior to working in OSP, Brandon held the position of Academic Advisor II in Franklin College. Brandon worked for the Georgia Municipal Association as a Research and Development Assistant. Brandon holds a BA and MPA from the University of Georgia.

Stephanie Tucker – Grants Assistant
Stephanie Tucker has worked in the Office of the Vice President for Research for the past twenty-two years, eighteen of those years in the Office for Sponsored Programs. Stephanie has held many roles in OSP - Secretary, Grants Specialist, and currently Grants Assistant. Stephanie’s duties include: Processing proposals (data entry into mainframe), awards, no-cost extensions, subcontracts and final reports.