Pre and Post-Award  
Team Four

Bruce Fitzgerald  
Bruce Fitzgerald is a Grants Accounting Specialist II in the post-award office. His primary responsibilities include invoicing and reporting. Bruce has 34 years of experience as an accounting instructor prior to his experience at the University. He also worked for nine years as Dean of Administration at DeVry University. He holds a BBA and Masters in Accounting from Georgia State University.

Savannah Whaley  
Savannah Whaley is a Grants Accounting Specialist I in the post-award office. Her primary responsibilities include invoicing and reporting. For the past three years, she has worked in the accounting field. She holds a BBA in Accounting from Georgia College and State University.

Morgan Bennett  
Morgan Bennett is a Grants Accounting Specialist III in the post-award office. Morgan has worked in research administration for ten years. She has experience with invoicing, reporting, and awarding functions in the post-award process. She holds an AA in Education from Young Harris College and a BS in Fashion Merchandising from the University of Georgia.

Catherine Cuppett  
Catherine Cuppett is the Department Manager at Sponsored Programs and the Functional Manager for the OVPR eResearch Portal for Grants and Awards. She is in charge of facilitating educational outreach, trouble shooting, innovation, and conducting the faculty steering committee for the Portal. Catherine also assists in training new personnel in research administration and is responsible for submitting proposals and processing awards for a small number of departments. Catherine has a B.S. in Multinational Business and Finance from FSU, as well as a J.D. from UGA. She is currently pursuing a PhD in International Affairs and Political Science at UGA’s SPIA. She is also a member of UGA Staff Council and the Athens Clarke County Vision Committee.

Amanda Cochran  
Amanda Cochran started working in the pre-award office in the spring of 2015 as a Grants Assistant. Amanda came to us from Athens Regional where she worked in the ICU as a Secretary/Monitor Tech, monitoring patients’ heart rhythms throughout the hospital. Originally from New Hampshire, she moved south to start her undergraduate degree at UNC. She transferred to UGA where she earned a BS in Psychology.

Richard Hall  
Richard Hall (Tony) comes to us after many years of service experience in a variety of financial and educational settings. Hall started working in the pre-award office in the fall of 2014 as a Grants Assistant and was recently promoted to a Grants Specialist. Hall has a BS in Economics from Westminster College in Salt Lake City.
Lacy Tench
Originally from Montgomery, AL and graduated from Auburn University. Tench started at UGA in the Genetics Department as a Grants Coordinator and recently moved to OSP as a Grants Specialist.

LaShána Lee
LaShána Lee, Grant Specialist, is a recent hire in the pre-award office. Prior to working in OSP, LaShána worked as an Administrative Associate II, in UGA’s Office of the Vice President for Instruction. Her duties included assisting the Directors of the Learning Communities, Washington Semester Program and Academic Honesty. LaShána obtained a BA and MPA from the University of Georgia.