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The Office of Research and Economic Development and its constituent departments provide a supportive infrastructure for scholarly and entrepreneurial pursuits, fostering innovative thinking and industry collaboration within the university and throughout the community.

Working with you to impact our world

Our teams are here to handle the heavy-lifting so you can focus on the research.

Did you know?

UB's research expenditures have increased by 28% since 2020.

Our Teams at a Glance

Office of Research Advancement provides training in grantsmanship and helps faculty develop competitive proposals.

Sponsored Projects Services helps submit external proposals and manages grants and contracts.

Technology Transfer protects intellectual property, helps with commercialization and assists w/ industry-university partnerships.

Business and Entrepreneur Partnerships is the go-to team for entrepreneurs, mature companies and startups to connect and collaborate with UB.

Research Information Systems provides integrated information services, resources and technologies to UB departments university-wide.

Research Compliance ensures all research meets compliance standards, funding guidelines and regulations.

Human, Behavioral and Biomedical Research We have people to support you. All protocols require review by our Institutional Review Board (IRB), and investigators must complete training prior to approvals. Reach out to our team to get started.

Animal Research Our Laboratory Animal Facilities (LAF) support animal research activities. UB's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) oversees and approves all animal-related research. Reach out to our team to get started.

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Research & Funding Support

Supporting the university's scholarly and creative activities in its drive to be a Top 25 public research institution

Serving you better

External funders, especially federal agencies, seek solutions to complex problems and increasingly look for multidisciplinary, collaborative research projects when determining which proposals to fund. UB's Office of Research and Economic Development provides tools and programs to help faculty meet this demand, facilitating collaborative teams with expertise in multiple disciplines.

Did you know?

UB's research expenditures reached a record $540 million in 2024. This funding propels our ongoing research while allowing us to embark on ambitious new projects, continuing progress toward UB's **Top 25 Ambition**.

Limited Submissions

Funding agencies sometimes restrict the number of applications that institutions can submit in response to grant opportunities. Our office coordinates the nomination process to ensure UB submits only the number of allowed proposals. Limited Submission competitions are announced on our website.

Bridge Funding & Cost-Sharing

In partnership with academic units, our Bridge Funding program supports projects that temporarily lose external funding. We also provide Cost Sharing for projects when required by sponsors. These programs fill budget gaps and ensure the continuity and quality of faculty research.

Internal Funding

University internal funds are designed to increase the competitiveness of external proposals and strengthen the institutional research environment. Programs include Grant Resubmission Awards, Training Grant Support, Matching Programs for Equipment Purchases and Programs for Equipment Maintenance.

University at Buffalo
Office of Research Compliance
Research and Economic Development

Office of Research Compliance (ORC)

Supporting the regulatory environment required for externally and internally funded research, training and other activities

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Protecting you and your research

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- Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC): 716.888.4888; IACUC@research.buffalo.edu
- Responsible Conduct of Research: 716.829.3011; sarinad@buffalo.edu

Did you know?

UB has approximately 1500 active human subject studies. 2025 UB review times are:
- Full Committee: 46 days
- Expedited: 16 days
- Exempt: 17 days

UB is an IRB leader, using best practices by implementing the new single-review process
- Member SMART IRB reliance system
- The UB IRB has over 70 reliance agreements with other institutions in 2025.

Fully Accredited

UB is fully accredited for its research programs:
- The human research program is accredited by the Association of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP).
- The animal research program is accredited by the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC).

Serving you better

Offering guidance and regulatory oversight to faculty members and staff so they can perform high quality research.

We do this by ensuring that UB meets the highest standards for the protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects and the humane care of laboratory animals.

Clinical and Research Institute on Addictions │ 1021 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203 │ 716.888.4888

Laboratory Animal Facilities (LAF)

Supporting faculty and staff performing ethical and humane animal research

Special Services

- Necropsy
- Pharmacy
- Diagnostics: Blood Testing (CBC & blood chemistry)

- Routine technical assistance: injections; blood collection; genotyping, identification (ear tagging/ punching)
- Routine husbandry assistance: rodent breeding
- Available with advanced planning: surgical and anesthesia assistance

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Species

We can house and accommodate select species, including small animals (mice, rats, rabbits, ferrets, chinchillas and hamsters), large animals (pigs, sheep and dogs) and amphibians and Xenopus.

Laboratory Animal Facilities (LAF)

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Locations and Animal Facilities

North Campus:

Hochstetter Hall

- Conventional rodent housing

Park Hall

- Conventional rodent housing

South Campus:

Biomedical Education Building (BEB)

Biomedical Research Building (BRB)

- High Level Barrier Suite & Barrier Rooms (rodents)
- Animal Biosafety Level 2 Suite (rodents)
- Conventional rodent housing
- Large animal housing/surgery suite
- Rodent microPET
- Optical imaging/irradiation available in BRB

Pharmacy Building

- Conventional rodent housing
- Barrier Rooms

Downtown Campus:

Clinical and Translational Research Center

- High Level Barrier Suite & Barrier Rooms (rodents)
- Conventional rodent housing
- Large animal housing/surgery suite
- 3T MRI, PET/CT for large animals
- 9T MRI for rodents

Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

- High Level Barrier Suite & Barrier Rooms (rodents)
- Animal Biosafety Level 2 & 3 Suites (rodents)
- Pig and rabbit housing
- Aquatic housing

Clinical Research Institute on Addictions

- Conventional rodent housing

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Office of Research Advancement (ORA)

Here to help researchers with their proposals

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Proposal Management

- Proposal organization: checklists, templates, sample plans
- Proposal coordination across internal units and external partners
- Assist with supplemental documents: draft standard university text, format proposal documents
- Ensure proposal compliance with solicitation

Proposal Quality Improvement

- Edit proposals and provide technical reviews
- Improve overall proposal presentation
- Ensure conformity with solicitation requirements

Proposal Development

- Develop non-technical components of the proposal
- Create graphics to illustrate project details
- Draft project management plans, work plans
- Assist with project evaluation, risk management
- Plans to ensure safe and inclusive environments for project implementation

What faculty say about ORA:

- *"Excellent, responsive, knowledgeable and a pleasure to work with…"*
- *"Exceptional job in putting together a most professional package"*
- *"The help I received was invaluable…"*

Other Services

- Find funding opportunities
- Programs and workshops to improve grant writing skills, learn about funding agencies, and meet/interact with agency program managers
- Help multi-investigator and multi-institution team building

Serving you better

ORA supports the university's research and scholarly community in the pursuit of external research funding. ORA works closely with new investigators to help secure initial research funding, and with established investigators to pursue large, multi-disciplinary research grants.

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Sponsored Projects Services (SPS)

Facilitates research, providing guidance to faculty and staff in securing and administering sponsored funding/awards

External Funding

SPS guides and assists university faculty and research staff in their efforts to secure sponsored funding/awards through proposal development and the submission process.

Managing Awards

SPS provides guidance to faculty and research staff to administer and manage sponsored funding/awards prudently, ensuring research meets sponsor commitments, compliance requirements and university expectations.

Sponsored Awards

SPS serves the UB research community with professional staff who specialize in facilitating and administering the life cycle of sponsored funding/awards.

SPS staff members help develop budgets, submit proposals, negotiate agreements, and accept awards. SPS provides stewardship and acts as a liaison for department and sponsor, establishes accounts, ensures compliance for expenditures, submits invoices to sponsors and assists with closing awards.

Serving you better

SPS works in teams to support the research community. To contact the team that supports your unit, please visit the SPS website. Scroll to the bottom of the page, and under Staff Directory, select Find Your SPS Representative.

Did you know?

Last year, UB had $259M in externally funded project expenditures

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Business & Entrepreneur Partnerships (BEP)

Turn your innovations into impacts. Business and Entrepreneur Partnerships (BEP) can help you fund translational research, protect your intellectual property, make industry connections and bring your breakthroughs to the world.

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Faculty Entrepreneurs | Working with Industry

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Company: Abceutics*
Innovation Novel drug class aimed at preventing the delivery of anticancer toxins to healthy cells, potentially improving survival rates for cancer patients
*Acquired by Merck in 2024

Read Abceutics case study

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Company | Meditati Inc.
Project Designing non-addictive pain relievers using artificial intelligence to combat the opioid crisis

Meditati

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Company | Formapath
Project Lymph node database to advance computational pathology

FormaPath

"UB has a strong and growing research portfolio and is a national leader in multiple fields. Our team has done a tremendous job translating innovation into community benefits."

Business & Entrepreneur Partnerships (BEP)

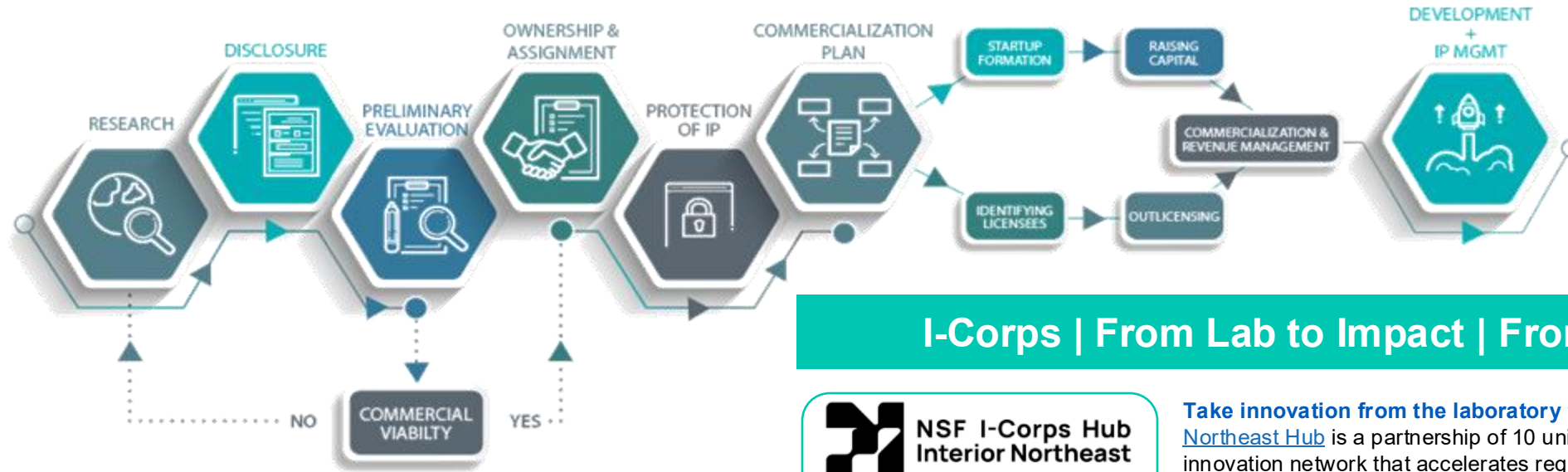**Olga Petrova, PhD, MBA**
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I-Corps | From Lab to Impact | From Bench to Bedside

NSF I-Corps Hub Interior Northeast

Entrepreneurship training for scientists and engineers.

Take innovation from the laboratory to the marketplace. The I-Corps Interior Northeast Hub is a partnership of 10 universities, led by Cornell University, to build an innovation network that accelerates regional entrepreneurship and economic development. UB's I-Corps participants receive $3k-$5k stipends for travel to major conferences and trade shows for networking and partnering with relevant industry stakeholders for R&D and commercialization efforts.

BEP programs and staff help you every step of the way.

Technology Transfer: TTO, Grants/Contracts, NSF I-Corps, Innovation Accelerator Fund

Startup & Seed Programs: Incubators (CBLS, Baird), Accelerators, SBIR Support, Seed Funds

Industry &Technology Centers: CBLS, UB CAT, CMI, BIG, Tech Hub

Workforce & Economic Development Programs

Our programs give faculty direct engagement opportunities with industry, real-world challenges and workforce needs.

Business & Entrepreneur Partnerships (BEP)

Workforce Development | Industry Partners

Multifaceted workforce development initiatives provide opportunities to engage with industry and leave lasting effects on the community. These impacts are driven by collaborative programs, research, curriculum innovation and direct engagement with real-world workforce needs.

- **Research & Funding Opportunities:** Faculty gain access to research opportunities tied to workforce gaps and industry needs, often attracting funding from public and private partners.

- **Broader Impacts & Engagement**: Many funding agencies, such as NSF, require evidence of "Broader Impacts," pushing faculty to connect research with societal, workforce and educational benefits.

- **Professional Development:** Workforce initiatives allow faculty to work with industry and community partners, broadening professional networks and enhancing real-world impact.

- **Curriculum Enhancement**: Faculty involved in workforce initiatives often update curricula to include industry-valued skills, providing experiential learning and better career preparation for students—strengthening the value of teaching and scholarship.

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Tech Hub | Industry Partners

Innovative technology development happens here. We coordinate collaborations between our faculty and relevant companies (startups and established businesses in the semiconductor and adjacent industries) to facilitate projects focused on innovative tech development and commercialization.

TECH HUBS U.S. Economic Development Administration

NY SMART I-CORRIDOR

- **Public & Private Partnership**: Tech Hub's program brings together public, private, and academic partners into collaborative consortia focused on driving regional growth. The NY SMART I-corridor aims to become a globally recognized hub for semiconductor manufacturing and innovation.

- **Innovation Vouchers:** Funding for collaboration with industry partners in semiconductor, microelectronics and adjacent supply chain industries, from $50,000 pilot projects to $250,000+ technology development initiatives.

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We'll help you explore if launching a startup is right for you.

Business & Entrepreneur Partnerships (BEP)

Startup and Early Stage Funding Resources

We know building a startup business is hard and takes a great team. You bring the technical expertise. Our team will help you with the rest.

START HERE.

> UB's **Cultivator** program provides early-stage startup founders in Western New York (WNY) with mentorship and support to help build our region's next great companies.

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> **NSF I-Corps** program provides entrepreneurship training for scientists and engineers.

Customer, Market Discovery
NSF I-Corps

Team Development
Executive team and workforce development

Incubation Space
Two UB Incubators with lab space

Pre-Seed to Seed Funding
Buffalo Innovation Seed Funding

Later-Stage, External Funding
Investor and strategic partner connections

BEP resources and programs work together to help innovations and startups get to market.

Business Formation Services
Entrepreneurship Law Center, Tech Transfer

Proof-of-Concept Funding
Buffalo Innovation Accelerator Fund, SBIR/STTR, R&D Project Funds

Mentorship and Pre-Seed Funding
Cultivator

Drug Discovery Acceleration
Empire Discovery Institute

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Technology Transfer (TT)

Technology Transfer (TT), an office within Business & Entrepreneur Partnerships, facilitates new technology commercialization and industry sponsored research projects that help companies build and problem solve. Tech Transfer is committed to support the development of innovative technologies through the creative pursuits of our faculty and targeted research with industry partners.

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Technology Transfer

Transferring faculty innovations into commercial opportunities is how UB benefits the public good. Contact the TT office to begin the process with a New Technology Disclosure (NTD). TT will work with you to protect intellectual property and develop a commercialization plan that best fits your innovation.

Industry Sponsored Research

UB research expertise helps companies solve problems and grow. Faculty work with companies to develop a scope-of-work and with Sponsored Project Services on the budget. TT negotiates the contract and, when appropriate and approved by the PI, may offer UB SWIFT.

- UB SWIFT reduces transaction time with preferred exclusive license terms in a ready-to-sign industry sponsored research agreement.

Tech Transfer (FY 24-25):

- ✓ 62 Invention Disclosures
- ✓ 7 Total Licenses/Options
- ✓ $2,285,609 License Income
- ✓ 14 Patents Issued

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Copprium
UB technology, lab space, and startup support accelerated commercialization

Copprium was founded by UB graduate Brian Bischoff, who licensed technology developed by a UB faculty researcher.

Other Services

- Confidential Disclosure Agreements (CDA) preserve intellectual property protection, allowing the exchange of proprietary information in negotiating agreements and collaborations.

- Material Transfer Agreements (MTA) facilitate the transfer of materials into or out of your research lab.

- Protecting intellectual property and licensing UB discoveries

- Facilitating faculty contract requests online through Click

- Streamlining industry/university contracting

- Positioning university research for regional economic growth

Did you know?

You can jeopardize your patent rights if you make a public disclosure prior to filing a patent application.
Please contact TT before you publish or present.

University at Buffalo
Center of Excellence
Bioinformatics and Life Sciences
Business and Entrepreneur Partnerships

We connect researchers to the life sciences industry

Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics & Life Sciences (CBLS)

Accelerate Life Sciences Discoveries
Working with businesses, accelerating research

We connect researchers to industry to help drive scientific discovery in life sciences. Through the Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences (CBLS), we provide funding, wet labs, office space, shared equipment and connections—all to facilitate collaboration among academia, industry and the public sector to directly impact our regional businesses, state economy and the communities we call home.

High-Tech Facilities

The CBLS, located downtown on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, is home to one of UB's incubators — a collaborative office space for startups and small businesses — as well as state-of-the-art facilities to support scientific research:

- Wet labs and office space
- Genomics & Bioinformatics
- Proteomics & Bioanalysis Cores
- Leading supercomputing facility at the Center for Computational Research (CCR)

Access Funding

Life sciences research can benefit from outside capital to bring life-changing ideas to the next level. Several joint R&D programs link academic research with companies who have an interest in cost-sharing projects to fuel R&D, including:

- Center for Advanced Technology in Big Data and Health Sciences (UB CAT) A project cost-sharing grant program that matches faculty with NYS companies and provides a generous subsidy for co-sponsored preclinical research.

- Empire Discovery Institute (EDI) A nonprofit drug discovery and development accelerator provides funding, expertise, business development support and more for selected pharmaceutical technologies.

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Preparing UB technology for market

UB's tech transfer helped POP BIO patent and license the UB technology behind the company's vaccine delivery platform. As the company grew, UB's startup programs provided POP BIO with tools to assess commercial viability, office space in UB incubators and funding for research. **Read Full Story**

University at Buffalo
Center of Excellence Materials Informatics
Business and Entrepreneur Partnerships

We connect researchers to manufacturing companies

Center of Excellence in Materials Informatics (CMI)

Accelerate Advanced Materials Innovation

Collaborating with industry and driving R&D

Through the Center of Excellence in Materials Informatics (CMI), we connect researchers to manufacturing companies to accelerate R&D, invent new materials and develop innovative products. The CMI provides access to advanced scientific and engineering equipment, student talent and funding opportunities to help drive meaningful collaborations with industry and deliver greater impact for your research.

Access Funding

The CMI annually supports Faculty-Industry Applied Research (FIAR) opportunities. The FIAR Program focuses on opportunities that drive economic growth and impact with commercial value to manufacturing businesses in NYS.

Focused Growth Areas

Partner with of over 80 UB materials scientists and advanced manufacturing experts in:

- Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
- Biological & Biomedical Materials & Devices
- Continuum & Multiscale Modeling
- Design, Digital & Additive Manufacturing
- Inorganic Materials Synthesis & Processing
- Materials Characterization & Spectroscopy
- Quantum, Atomistic & Molecular Modeling
- Recycling Polymers, Water/Waste Purification
- Semiconductors, Photonics & Power Electronics
- Sensors & Wireless Technology

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Company Partner: Bettergy Corporation
Project: Low-Cost Hydrogen Production through Economically Feasible Ammonia Cracking Technologies
Result: Groundbreaking ammonia cracking catalyst developed that's used to produce hydrogen on demand and at low cost without carbon emissions.

Read Full Story

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Center For Computational Research (CCR)

Offering access to high-performance computing resources and expertise in scientific computing, simulation, data analytics and visualization

Capabilities and Services

- Supercomputing clusters and cloud infrastructure with more than 30,000 CPU cores, high-end GPUs, large memory support, high-performance networks and 4.5 PB high-performance file systems for more than 3 PFlop/s of peak performance compute capacity.

- Support staff with expertise in scientific computing, computational science, parallel processing, data analytics, modeling and simulation, scientific visualization and software development.

- Dedicated cluster for industry sponsored research and economic development.

Training and Accounts

- CCR offers courses, training and workshops in high performance computing as well as how to access and run on CCR resources.

- Primary group accounts reside with faculty members.

- Faculty-based clusters supported.

Serving you better

CCR, a leading academic supercomputing facility, offers assistance in advanced computing, scientific and medical visualization, software engineering, parallel computing and data analytics. There are no direct charges for computer time, however, queue priority is based on direct funds budgeted to CCR from faculty grants.

Faculty should:
- Include direct funds in grant proposals for projects requiring significant time and expertise
- Include a percent recognition credit to CCR on the Sponsored Services approval form
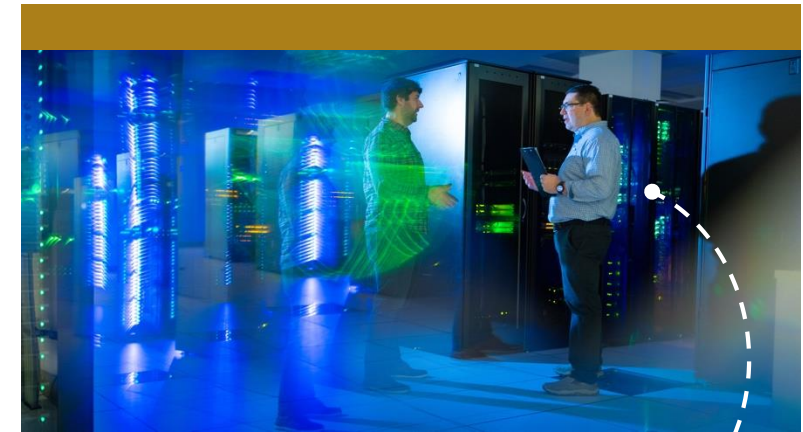- Acknowledge CCR support in publications

Did you know? CCR operates 24/7

- **Serves more than 800 users**
- **Faculty users run over 8.7 million jobs annually (more than 20,000 jobs / day)**
- **CCR delivers more than 5 million CPU days of computing**
- **UB is home to Empire AI, New York State's consortium and supercomputing center**

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Research Information Systems (RIS)

Building relationships with university faculty, departments and schools at all levels to create, enhance and maintain a rich research IT infrastructure

Services

- Research Administration Analysis
- Application Development
- Application Support
- Training and Development

Click portal support

Click automates the submission, review and approval processes while managing all major administrative aspects of the research and compliance lifecycle – from proposal development and submission through compliance checks, negotiations, award setup and award management to eventual project closeout.

Did you know?

RIS has introduced Project Support, an initiative aimed at giving investigators quality systems development at reasonable rates. RIS supports a variety of administrative and research systems.

Serving you better

We are dedicated to supporting UB's research efforts, both on the administrative and project side, providing integrated information services, resources and technologies to the UB community.

RIS has two branches of service: Electronic Research Administration (ERA) and Project Support. ERA develops and maintains administrative systems such as Click, OnCore and Central Study Registration. Project Support develops systems for investigator research projects at a reasonable rate.

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The **2025 Federal Agency Transition Guidance** website remains an important resource to stay informed on the evolving federal funding landscape.

Please continue to check the site regularly for updates.

Check for updates at
https://www.buffalo.edu/research/about-us/research-operations-news/2025-federal-agency-transition-guidance.html

2024 Research & Innovation Report
RELEASE DATE: JUNE 1, 2025

The University at Buffalo's latest Research and Innovation Report highlights a year of transformative achievements that are driving scientific discovery and real-world impact.

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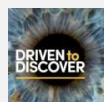
Impact in Action Newsletter

At UB, we're driven to make a difference. See how our innovative ideas and groundbreaking research are pushing humanity forward, in our own backyard and around the world.

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Driven to Discover Podcast

Driven to Discover is a podcast that explores innovative University at Buffalo research through candid conversations with the researchers about their inspirations and goals.

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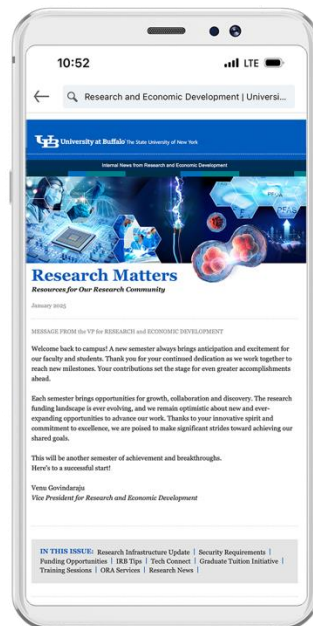
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Research Matters Newsletter

Stay updated on key research updates, from funding opportunities, policy changes and research news with our faculty-focused newsletter from the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development.

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Stay Connected with the Latest Business and Entrepreneur Partnerships News and Programs

Sign up and select your areas of interest, including these quarterly newsletters:

Innovation to Impact for innovators, disruptors and big thinkers in Western New York and beyond

Life Sciences Innovations connects you with NYS life and health sciences resources. **Advanced Manufacturing and Materials** Innovations builds stronger materials and manufacturing businesses and making partnerships with UB.

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