PreAward Core

Presentation

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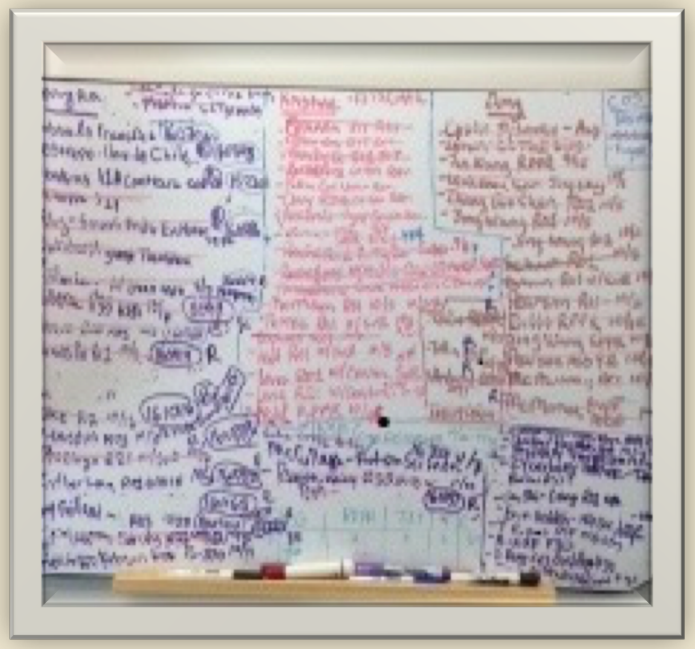
What is the PreAward Core?

A shared service model created to serve the grant and contract submission needs of participating departments

Confluence: More than one entity coming together to make a stronger force.

Why do we need a PreAward Core?



Whiteboard with docket of grants and deadlines

- **Research grants are the lifeblood of departments:**
  - ❑ 80% of a basic science department budget comes from grants.
  - ❑ 50-65% of basic science faculty salaries are dependent on grants.
- The grant world has become highly specialized.
- Dependence on specialized knowledge makes departments vulnerable to coverage issues.

Solution: A Core is Born!

…Why not share services to create a better experience?

Four founding departments and two new departments

Share the expertise of specialists

Decouple preaward from post award to maximize efficiencies

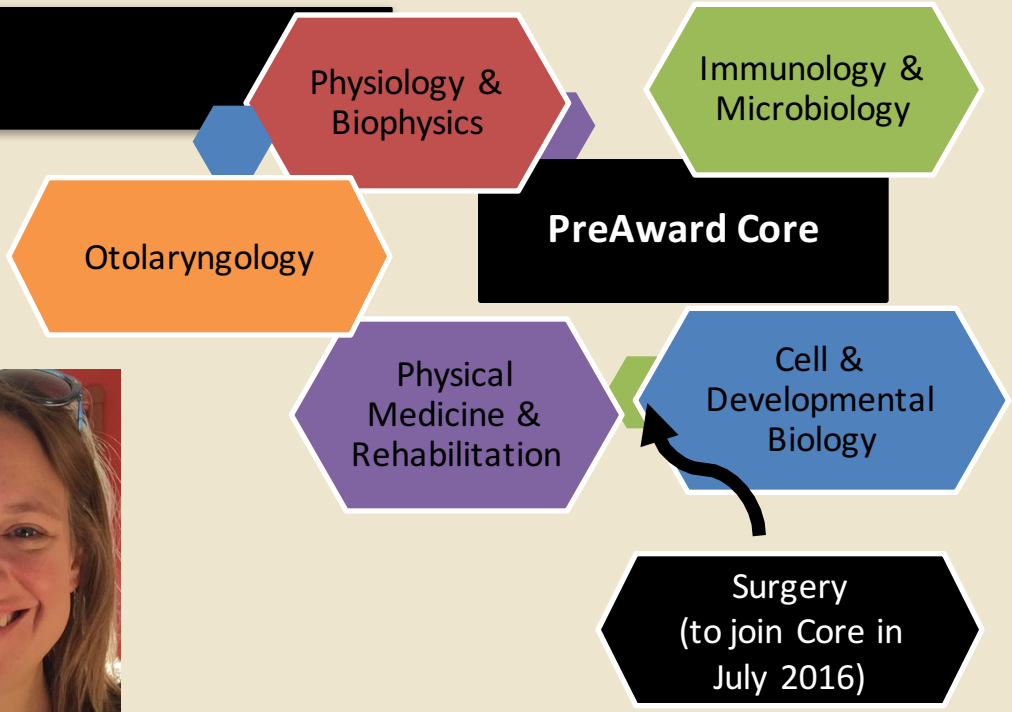
Better, smarter coverage

Improved customer service for faculty

Advantages of the Core

- Coverage for unexpected absences
- Process-oriented team with standardized business practices makes the Core scalable
- Ongoing professional development
- Up-to-date on new instructions, policies and trends
- Manage volume, complexity, and new challenges

Meet the Core:



Four grants specialists

Five current departments – 170 Principal Investigators and growing

…And five highly satisfied Department Chairs and DFAs.

Results – Faculty, Chairs and Directors are happy:

"The creation of the Core has been nothing short of genius. My specialist is so easy to work with and she never lets us down on dates or knowledge. All cores should work like this one."

Quote from the March 2016 Satisfaction Survey.

Survey of participating faculty results – 92% gave the Core the highest possible score.

Finance Directors & Chairs love the Core:

"Before the Core, my MD faculty never considered applying for funding. Now with the Core, MD faculty and Residents are applying for grants and being successful. This enables us to fulfill our research mission." Quote from a clinical department DFA

"The grant specialist's ownership of the submission process allowed me to devote my efforts to the writing of the research plan. The Specialist sees that allowing PIs the maximum time for what they need to do is a priority." Angeles Ribera, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Physiology & Biophysics

Thank you!

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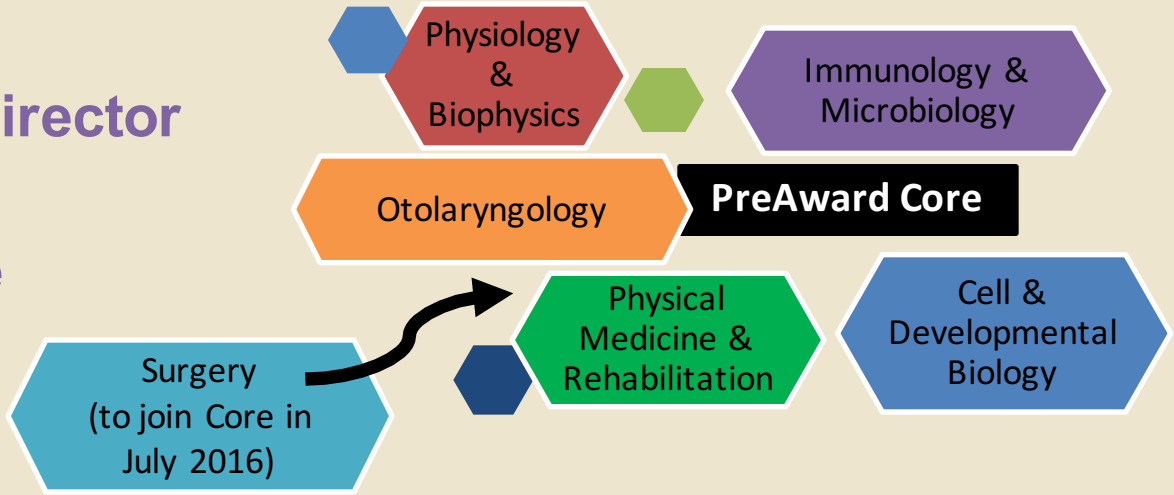

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