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A Collaborative Journey Toward Better Research Support – Reflections One Year Later

What began as a simple idea—to make research support more accessible—grew into a campus-wide effort that brought together expertise, creativity, and a shared commitment to advancing scholarship.

Over the course of several months in 2024, a project that included input and perspectives from across the institution came together to design and build a new website for the Offices of Research Services and Research Partnerships & Innovation. From administrative units to technical support, communications staff to research support offices, each group played a vital role in shaping a resource that reflects the diverse needs of our UofR research community.

Faculty members were also instrumental in this process. Through user testing and thoughtful feedback, they helped ensure the site is not only functional but truly useful—clear, intuitive, and aligned with the realities of research work.

The result is a platform that brings together:

- Research administration and support services
- Funding and compliance guidance & tools
- Resources for contracts, intellectual property, and commercialization
- A calendar of events and funding opportunities

This launch marked an important step forward, but it was just the beginning. We're committed to continuing this collaborative spirit as we refine and expand the site in response to the needs of our researchers. Since launching in Fall 2024, we've added content related to international research opportunities and we're in the process of developing resources related to research security. Our latest addition is our monthly research newsletter – you can sign up on our website or read it online.

We're always looking for feedback on your experience so please let us know if there is content that you would like to see.

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