

**Professional Development Workshops  
Presented by Faculty from the  
Mid-Atlantic Region of the  
National Council of University Research Administrators**

**Advanced Topics in Uniform Guidance  
Content Level: Advanced**



### **Course Description**

The Uniform Guidance was implemented in December 2014. The then Controller of the Office of Management Budget, (OMB), lauded it as "Transforming the Landscape of Federal Financial Assistance." How transformational the UG is will be debated for years to come, but understanding the intricacies of the regulations will assist Research Administrators and Principal Investigators in ensuing compliance, while easing some of the administrative burden on researchers.

This workshop goes beyond the basics by using case studies and recent audits to explore the interpretation of the regulations. When faced with a questioned cost, what evidence can you use to support your decisions? The reality is that we live in a world of gray and most decisions made are on a case-by-case basis, weighing heavily on the documentation at hand and adding a little 'common sense' methodology. The Uniform Guidance allows room for interpretation. Come join your colleagues for discussions on how to handle some of the tough questions on the allowability of costs. We will share best practices and ideas for improving compliance.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Participants will review actual examples of questionable costs to determine how the Uniform Guidance either supports the action or requires a rejection;
- Review of the most pertinent sections of the Uniform Guidance will allow participants to understand how clauses should be used to explain to researchers the importance of the administrative guidelines.
- The sharing of best practices and practical examples will demonstrate the complexity of the path to understanding the federal regulations.

### **Prerequisites**

Working knowledge of the Uniform Guidance and over three years' experience in research administration.

### **Who Should Attend?**

- Preaward Administrators
- Postaward Administrators
- Departmental Administrators
- Internal Auditors