Biological Sciences

Who do I contact for what?



LaDonna Smith, Administrative Officer 615-343-3076

- Responsible for day-to-day operational management of department
- Serves as departmental Human Capital Management Specialist [HCM], processing faculty & other personnel record transactions
- Primary administrative point & oversight for human resource activities including payroll processing submissions for faculty [academic/summer], postdocs, staff, students & temporary employees
- If all else fails, feel free to contact me if you're not quite sure who to contact!



Jane Campbell, Grants Coordinator 615-322-1126

- Monitors financials for external grants and contracts
- Makes payroll costing changes for lab personnel funded by external grants/contracts
- Oversees monthly financial reports for grants/contracts
- Supports Grants Manager with grants management



Torria Carter-Woods, Program Specialist 615-343-8521

- Contact for Gradescope & exam support
- Assists with enrolling undergraduate students in courses
- Assigns advisors to undergrad students
- Procurement requester/One-Card holder; assist with ordering supplies for labs that do not have a procurement requester/VU Credit Card
- Works with Vice Chair to create course schedule
- Coordinates departmental events



Ashton Donoho, Administrative Manager 615-343-9259

- Serves as department Financial Unit Manager [FUM], reviews & approves expense reports, procurement requests, software store orders, iLab requests; assists with trouble-shooting expense report/procurement questions
- Department liaison for hiring all research staff
- Oversees department space/space survey
- *On parental leave Sept 2023 Feb 2024; please contact LaDonna Smith during this time



Jessica Nguyen, Program Coordinator 615-343-0673

- Oversees Ph.D. in Biological Sciences program
- Manages graduate student payroll
- Assists students in the completion of all necessary paperwork related to their degree progress
- Contact for hiring undergraduate and graduate student workers



Kim Jones, Administrative Specialist 615-343-0721

- Coordinates appointments and reappointments of faculty and postdocs
- Assists Department Chair with calendar/scheduling
- Issues keys
- Coordinates conference room reservations
- Point of contact for Work Orders
- Point of contact website updates



Casey Sniegowski, Grants Manager 615-322-2674

- Assists BSCI PIs with all aspects of the grant life-cycle from proposal submission to post-award closeout.
- Serves as the department's primary point of contact with SPA and Research Finance
- Coordinates set-up, continuation, and termination of all grant-funded subcontracts (incoming and outgoing) with the SPA Contracts team