

Richard (Rick) Wiechmann
Stanford University
Nominee Statement – Regional Advisory Committee At-Large Member

I am writing to express my interest in the Regional Advisory Committee Member position and to convey how my extensive experience and passion for fostering positive change align with the goals of your organization. As a seasoned professional with over a decade of experience in higher education non-profit and university grants management, I have developed a deep understanding of the complexities and challenges faced in research administration. My current role as the Manager of Engineering Research Administration at Stanford University has afforded me the opportunity to lead a dedicated team in supporting multiple departments, ensuring compliance with federal requirements, and implementing fiscal policies to enhance operational efficiency. One of my core values is the promotion of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) in all aspects of my work. I firmly believe that diverse perspectives drive innovation and creativity, and I am committed to creating environments where all individuals feel valued and empowered to contribute their unique insights. At Stanford, I have actively championed DEIB initiatives within my team, fostering an inclusive culture where collaboration thrives, and all voices are heard.

I have been an active member of NCURA since 2018, and have been presenting at Regional, FRA, PRA, and Annual NCURA meetings since 2020.

I am genuinely excited about the opportunity to contribute to NCURA's mission and to collaborate with like-minded individuals who share my passion for advancing DEIB initiatives. I am confident that my background and experiences make me well-suited to support the Regional Advisory Committee in achieving its objectives and driving positive change within the community.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how I can contribute to NCURA's mission and vision.

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Resourceful, collaborative, and self-motivated business professional with over 10 years of experience in higher education non-profit and university grants management, and research administration.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

12/2017 – Present

Manager, Engineering Research Administration, Durand Team – 6/2019 - Present

Research Administrator, Engineering Research Administration 12/2017 – 6/2019

- Lead a team of Research Administrators (RAs) to support the departments of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Chemical Engineering.
- Provide mentoring and guidance to a team of five RAs managing pre- and post-award responsibilities for faculty, including assistance with large complex proposals, expenditure forecasting, interpreting regulations, and closeout.
- Manage staff to effectively deliver results including project assignments, product quality, and performance appraisals.
- Provide financial management services to PIs and administrators within the departments.
- Solve complex problems and participate in making managerial decisions for Engineering Research Administration; escalate issues to senior management when necessary.
- Ensure compliance with federal requirements, and institute fiscal policies on 34 PI programs
- Identify potential award problems and recommend solutions
- Collaborate with the Dean's Office finance team to set annual federal, non-federal and University Research budgets for each of the nine departments within the School of Engineering, as well as the d.School and SUNCAT

NCURA EXPERIENCE

- Budgeting 101 – Puerto Rico 02/2020
- Closeouts (Workshop) – Virtual 03/2021
- Remote Communications (Discussion Group) - Washington, DC 08/2022
- Remote Communications (Workshop) - Las Vegas, NV 03/2023
- Subaward Monitoring – Las Vegas, NV 03/2023
- A Journey to Successful DARPA and ARPA-E Proposals – Anchorage, AK 09/2023

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration

Concentration: Marketing and Management

Clark University Graduate School of Management, Worcester, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Minor: International Government

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