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ABOUT US

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OUR MISSION
ORD takes an entrepreneurial approach to enhancing the research mission of UNC-Chapel Hill through:

Promoting and supporting multi- and interdisciplinary research efforts;
Facilitating collaborations within and external to the university;
Coordinating the university’s internal process for limited submission grants and awards; and
Identifying funding opportunities for faculty.

In a competitive funding environment, ORD expands the university’s research capacity, engages scholars in transformative inquiry, and contributes to the generation of new ideas.

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LIMITED SUBMISSIONS
When an agency limits the number of submissions for grants or awards, ORD:

Directs the university’s internal selection process;
Increases competitive capability of UNC nominees; and
Develops mentorship opportunities for nominees.

FACULTY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
When a faculty member has a research idea and needs funding, ORD assists with:

Individual and group funding searches and consultations;
Training in the effective use of funding information resources; and
Identifying information on federal agencies, private foundations, and other potential sponsors.

HOW WE DO IT
• Clarifying project goals and implementation plans.
• Creating a “think-tank” environment where scholars engage with each other.
• Promoting national recognition of UNC’s researchers.
• Building research teams across disciplines (Team Science).

CRITERIA FOR SUPPORT
• Multi/Interdisciplinarity;
• Innovation and Intellectual potential;
• Feasibility;
• Alignment with UNC’s research mission.