

MARTIN-GATTON CAFE

ADMINISTRATIVE USERS' GROUP

February 13th, 2024

9-10:30am ET

Location: Zoom

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Guest Speakers – [Update on project GATeWAY/Collaborative Grant Services](#)

Find presentation slides on page [4](#).

- a. Julie Combs, Post-Award Assistant Director
- b. Rick Mullins, Hub 1, Post-Award Manager
- c. Ashley Cruickshank, Hub 1, Post-Award Team Lead
 - i. We were joined by a few of our colleagues from Collaborative Grant Services who provided us with an update and overview of the transition during project GATeWAY. Julie Combs, Rick Mullins and Ashley Cruickshank have been assigned to our college to oversee post-award support.
 - ii. CGS Training Sign-Ups for PIs and business officers are available [here](#).

2. Budget & Finance

- a. [Budget Process](#) – Jason
 - i. Jason discussed the upcoming FY25 budget process. We do not have information regarding the merit pool at this time. Information should be provided in April, and once FY25 salaries are finalized, our team will begin entering budgets into the Axiom system.
- b. [FAST Compliance](#) – Cristin
 - i. With the new year comes a new FAST compliance cycle. Participants are required to take 2 unique courses by June 30th.
 - ii. There is a new FAST course available on grant close out that may be helpful to those who manage grants.
 - iii. Reminder that when filling out SAP access requests, business officers should indicate FAST requirements. Criteria for mandatory FAST participation and compliance deadlines can be found on the FAST website [here](#).

3. Purchasing & Travel

- a. [Postage rate increase](#) – Shelby
 - i. Postage rates have increased. 2024 prices can be found [here](#).
- b. [Enterprise late fees](#) – Shelby
 - i. Shelby covered the issues with Enterprise long-term leases. Some departments have been seeing late fees on their Enterprise invoices. Often, departments submit invoices to Accounts Payable as soon as possible, and payments are still late. We have been in contact with Naomi Emmons, UK Deputy Procurement Director, who has stated that UK has made arrangements with Enterprise and late fees should not be paid. If you see late fees on your Enterprise invoice, please get in touch with Enterprise to have these fees waived. Reminder that per KRS 45.454, UK is only required to pay a penalty of 1% of any unpaid amount, for each month after thirty (30) working days following invoice receipt.
- c. [Mileage rate increase](#) – Shelby
 - i. The federal mileage rate increased at the beginning of 2024. More information can be found on the IRS website [here](#). This rate is already loaded and should be the default in Concur. Any PRDs or SRMs for mileage reimbursement will need to be calculated based on the new rate.
- d. [FAST Travel guide](#) – Mary
 - i. The FAST Team has shared a new travel guide. The guide can be found [here](#) on the UFS website.
- e. [Cost comparisons and international travel](#) – Mary
 - i. Mary discussed situations where cost comparisons are required for travel. Cost comparisons may be secured through Concur Travel or through UK's AAA Corporate Travel Services or Avant Travel on the same day the actual ticket is purchased. If a cost comparison is not obtained the same day

as the ticket is purchased, a request for a historical cost comparison must be submitted to UK Travel Services for approval. More information can be found [here](#) on the UFS website.

- ii. All international travel is required to be booked through Concur. If the international airline ticket is not booked through Concur, Accounts Payable will also request that a historical cost comparison be submitted along with a business procedures exception request.

4. Sponsored Programs – Angela

a. **Meal expenses on grants**

- i. Angela discussed JVs for conference meals on grants. UK requires that workshop conference meals can only be paid on grants if the majority of participants are outside of UK. Please find the meal guidance [here](#). The workshop/conference GL (530191, below) cannot be used for employee meals. If you have employees attending a workshop/conference with a meal provided and are charging it to a grant, GL 540347 (Meals and Refreshments, see below) is a potential alternative for these meals. This would need to be an approved budget revision through OSPA by using the budget revision form and going through the department’s CGO. Employee meals may be included with this GL if support is provided to show the UK employees were attendees receiving the technical information and not “working” the event. GL information can be found at this link [here](#).

540347	Meals and Refreshments	Meals and Refreshments	Meals and refreshments for university employee and student functions, other than official guests, recruitment, or travel, that are generally paid on discretionary accounts. Under Cost Accounting Standards this code is unallowable unless there is a special
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530191	Workshop and Conference Payments	Workshop and Conference Payments	A conference is defined as a meetings, retreat, seminar, symposium, workshop or event. In terms of a sponsored project, the primary purpose must be to the dissemination of technical information to non-employees and is necessary and reasonable for successful performance under the award. Allowable conference costs may include rental of facilities, costs of meals and refreshments, local transportation and other items incidental to such conferences unless restricted by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Payments to individuals, working lunches or employees meals are not allowable. Discretion and judgment must be exercised in ensuring that the conference costs are appropriate, necessary and managed in a manner to minimize costs to the Federal award.
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b. **Cost Share**

- i. Angela discussed non-reportable cost share. In the situation that the grant account isn’t set up in time to process the retro, costs can be left on a state account and the department will need to send the grant FA an email. If the FA is looking for cost share costs, they would find these on the state cost center they were charged to. For questions, email the FA and copy Angela if needed. When contacting the FA, give them the grant number and percentage so when they do close out of the grant, they can look at the cost center for 3 months you weren’t able to charge the grant. Find the cost share policy [here](#).

c. **EPIC Billing for Patient Services**

- i. The hospital is not able to charge the correct GL (536120 Patient Care & Support is charged) on some services provided for grants. Be sure to monitor your CAS Overrun Direct and Indirect accounts and if the patient services GL (536120) has been used, this will need to be JV’d to the appropriate GL. If the expense is not moved to the correct GL, it will charge the overrun account and will come from department funds rather than the grant.

5. HR & Payroll – Presentation slides on page 19.

a. **Staff Performance Evaluations Update – Le Anne**

- i. Reminder that performance evaluations are due by March 1st.

b. **Important dates – Le Anne**

i. **Earliest Payroll Retro Date**

- Payroll Earliest Retro date will reset **on 2/13** for BW, and the ERD date will change to **12/17/2023**
- Payroll Earliest Retro date will reset **on 2/20** for MO, and the ERD date will change to **1/1/2024**

c. **Work Life Events – Le Anne**

- i. View the calendar and sign up for events on the UK HR website [here](#).

d. **CSA Enrollment – Le Anne**

- i. More information on Community Supported Agriculture vouchers [here](#).
- e. **HR Huddle Invite – Le Anne**
 - i. The next HR Huddle will be held **March 12th, 2024 at 10AM EST in N24B Ag North**. Zoom option available for off campus employees.
 - ii. Register [here](#).
- f. **Student Job Fair – 2/28 – Le Anne**
 - i. The M-G CAFE HR team will be representing our college at the university student job fair, to be held **February 28th, 12-5pm in the Gatton Student Center Ballroom**. If you have any student job postings you would like to advertise, please contact our [HR Team](#).
- g. **12-Month Faculty Vacation Rollover – Le Anne**
 - i. For FY24, all unused faculty vacation leave will be extended until September 30, 2024
- h. **Service Award Delivery – Adam**
 - i. The HR Team is currently working on services awards. We anticipate these will be available in March.
- i. **Employee Resource Festival Invite – Adam**
 - i. Register [here](#)
- j. **Staff Professional Development Fund Reminder – Kayla**
 - i. Reminder that our college has a staff professional development fund. Any regular staff at 75% FTE or greater are eligible to apply. These funds can be used for conferences, expos, meetings, as well as training certificates. The event or certificate must be related to your current job and your department must cover at least 50% of expenses. If used for a conference, applicants must be an attendee rather than a presenter. Find more information [here](#).
- k. **Scovell Hall Renovations – Service Location Update – Kayla**
 - i. Main HR is moving out of Scovell in phases. STEPS will be moving to Southcreek Park. Other HR in-person services (benefits and I-9) will be moved to Mandrell hall in late Feb or early March.
- l. **Info on file reviews – Kayla**
 - i. Search coordinators are encouraged to attend the upcoming HR Huddle to learn more about personnel file reviews. Register [here](#).

6. Other

- m. **2023 Business Center Year in Review – Adam**
 - i. Adam presented the Business Center's "2023 Year in Review" Newsletter. Adam led a committee of several business center team members who worked on this document which showcases our successes in 2023, as well as goals for 2024. The final newsletter can be found [here](#).
- n. **Introduction of New Departmental Staff Members – Susan**
 - i. **Congratulations and welcome to our new M-G CAFE staff members!**
 - ii. Ellen Weisenhorn – PSS 11/5/23
 - iii. Cindy Stidham – transfer to KTRDC 1/8/24
 - iv. Faith Park – DHN 1/14/24
 - v. Stephanie Short – temp to fulltime Assoc Director for Extension office 1/14/24
 - vi. Jennifer Klingsmith – CEDIK 1/28/24
- o. **Process for reporting snowy/icy conditions – Cristin**
 - i. UK HR has information on winter weather and a link to report icy/snowy conditions on campus. Find more info [here](#).
- p. **Reminder to add full name to zoom – Cristin**
 - i. Reminder that if your full name does not appear on the Users' Group participants list, you will be marked as not in attendance for today's session. If you are not sure whether your full name was recorded, please contact Cristin to ensure your attendance is marked.
- q. **Relay meeting info to other staff in department – Cristin**
 - i. As always, be sure to share this information with other staff members in your department who may need it. If you have any topics you would like to see discussed at our next meeting, please contact me!

****NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 14th @ 9:00am Eastern via Zoom****

Update on Project GATeWAY & Collaborative Grant Services for CAFE



Background and Overview



Background and Overview | Scope and Background

Given recent growth in sponsored research over the last decade, UKasked Deloitte to conduct a comprehensive assessment of its research administration functions to improve operations and service to Investigators.

Deloitte’s assessment included the following in-scope areas for research administration operations and functions at UK:



The goal of this assessment was to provide recommendations that enable to UKto:

- 1**
Drive efficiencies and return on investment
- 2**
Improve administrative operations
- 3**
Improve overall service delivery
- 4**
Foster trust and relationships with Investigators

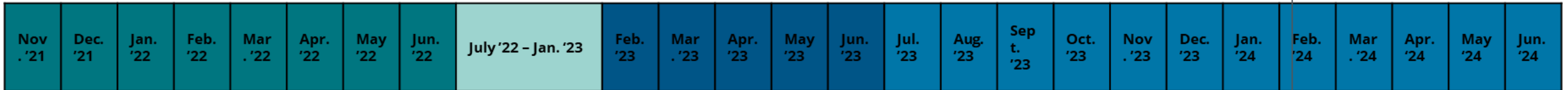
Background and Overview | Project GATeWAY Timeline

Following an [eight-month assessment](#), Project GATeWAY began the implementation which includes specific phases including Design, Build and Test, Implement, and Optimize. The Project is currently in the Implement Phase.

PROJECT GATeWAY TIMELINE

Phase 1: Assessment

Phase 2: Implementation



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Deloitte’s assessment of research administration operations at UK included detailed quantitative and qualitative analyses to understand UK’s current state and identify opportunities for future growth and efficiency.

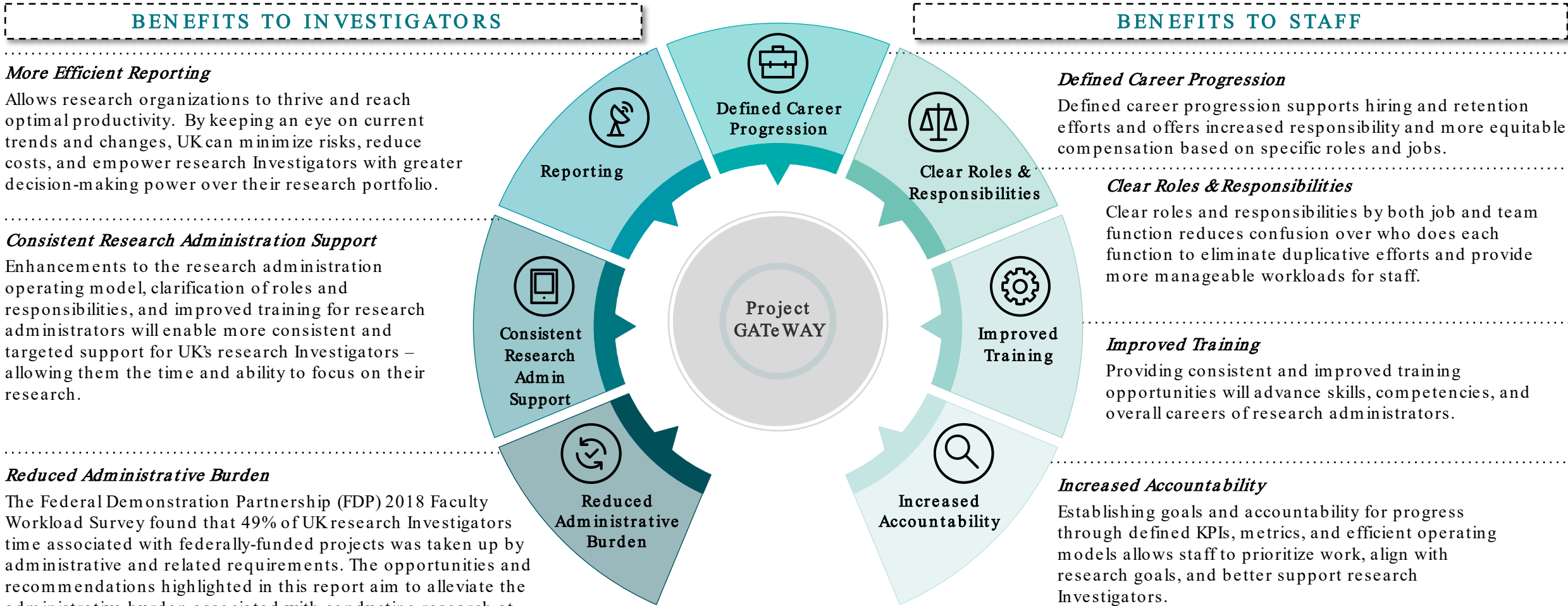
UK determined priorities to implement in the next phase of the project.

Deloitte and UK worked to determine the current state of operations, processes, and organizational structure, as well as needs for an efficient future state. Based on findings, a directional model was designed.

In the upcoming months, the conceptual model and future state processes will be operationalized and implemented. Policies and procedures and CGS governance will be established. CGS staff will engage in training to prepare for a successful transition to the future organization.

Background and Overview | Benefits

Investing in the priority areas for UK’s research administration detailed in this deliverable will enable the institution to advance and evolve in a fashion that appropriately supports its scientific teams today and in the future.



Background and Overview | Project GATeWAY Service Catalog and RACI

The [Service Catalog](#) includes a RACI Matrix that provides detailed levels of roles and responsibilities across research vested parties.

Responsible

Who is responsible for doing the actual work for the task.

Accountable

Who is accountable for the success of the task and is the decision-maker.

Consulted

Who needs to be consulted for details and additional info on requirements (e.g., subject matter expert).

Informed

Who needs to be kept informed of major updates.

Example(s)

Task	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>Accountable</u>	<u>Consulted</u>	<u>Informed</u>
Assist in the pre-proposal or LOI process for sponsors that require pre-application submission prior to full proposal	Collaboratives	PI	OSPA	College Staff
Develop budget and budget justification for proposal with guidance from the PI and collaborate with other administrators to obtain salary and other required costing information	Collaboratives	PI	OSPA College Staff	College Staff
Compile all required documents and ensure compliance with institutional and sponsor-specific policies	Collaboratives	PI	OSPA	College Staff

Central Office Reorganization | RFS, CGS, OSPA Reorganizations

Deloitte's assessment last year highlighted realignment of roles and responsibilities within the central research administration offices – OSPA and RFS – as one of the most critical opportunities for Project GATeWAY.



RFS

RFS implemented Deloitte's recommended organizational structure – specifically, **an award closeout team and a financial compliance function**

RFS also implemented a **new compensation structure** within the office, bringing the total compensation of staff on par with that of other research administration functions on campus.



CGS

The CGS organization was created in the Summer of 2023 with the **support and input** from: project sponsors, the steering committee, collaboratives working group, working group champions, and input from various other vested parties.

The inception of the CGS organization was driven by the collaborative vision of the future operational model, with the purpose of aligning seamlessly with RFS and OSPA.



OSPA

Following the assessment, OSPA took Deloitte's recommendations and **created a new organizational structure focused on specialized teams and career progression.**

The OSPA reorganization aimed to **align responsibilities with the activities being completed by adjacent offices** and functions in the target future state operating model, specifically focused on the work happening in CGS.

Progress

100%

100%

85%

Launch Plan



CGS Soft-Launch Plan | Staffing for Go-Live

DEFINING SOFT-LAUNCH AND GO-LIVE

LAUNCH

- Pre- and post-award staff will begin to learn new processes, test SOPs and training, and build cohesion as a unit.
- Post-award began new processes late-January. Pre-Award will continue to phase in changes as new proposals are initiated.

GO -LIVE

- Pre-award staff will have begun new processes and services **beginning January 29th for all new proposals**. All in-flight proposals will be conducted utilizing current state processes and tools.
- Post-award staff started new enhanced processes and services beginning late-January. The post-award staff will **reconcile using February financials**.

Vacancies:

The Project GATeWAY team including HR and the CGS Leadership team continues to assess applicants and conduct interviews to fill vacancies in leadership and staff positions. If there is a vacancy in phase 2 or 3 units, CGS is conducting the search prior to go-live for each phase.

Portfolio Assignments:

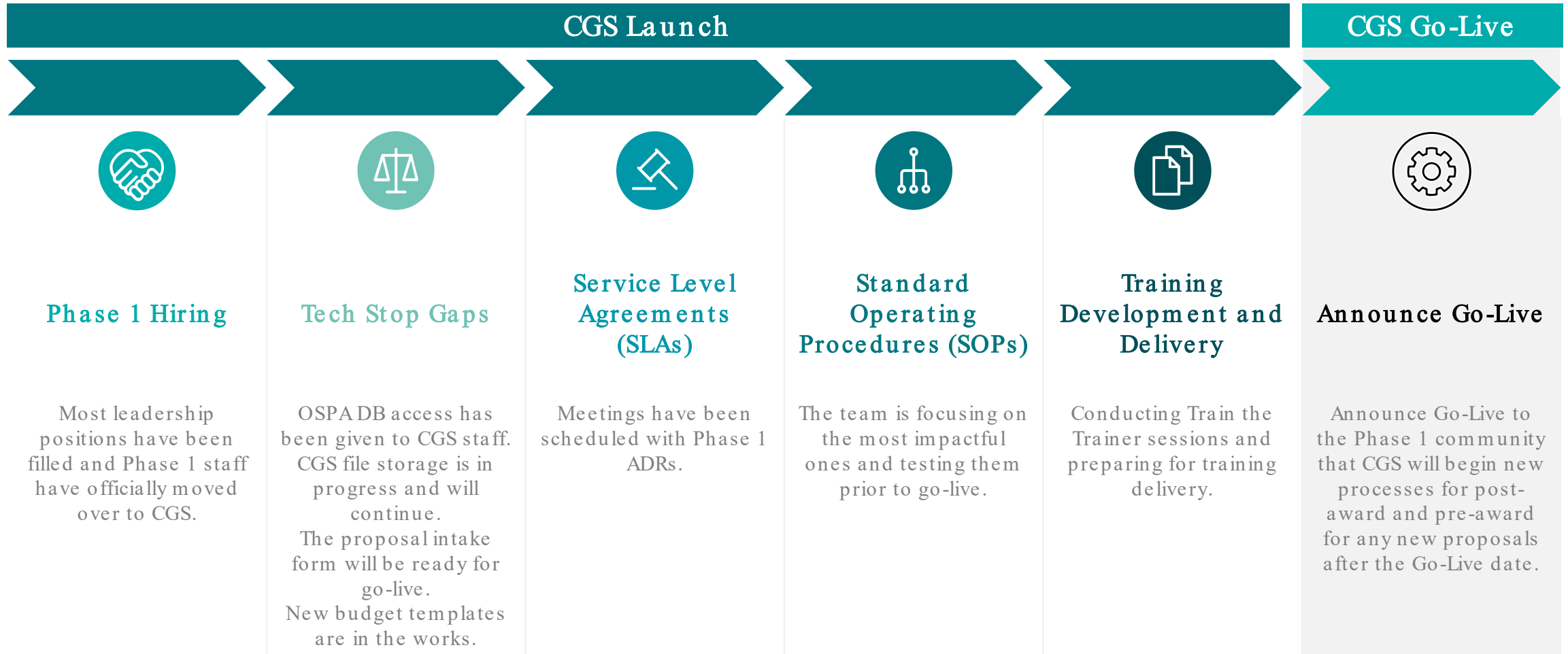
CGS Leadership is actively working on CGS staff portfolio assignments as they transition into the new office. We do not expect any major shifts in the portfolio assignments for staff and that the majority of PIs will be working with the same staff.

Transitioning Employees

The Project GATeWAY team is moving up the timeline to transition employees to new positions in the HR system by the end of January 2024. The team will be communicating with college leadership on plans and the specific timeline.

Launch Plan | Proposed Launch

For a launch of Collaborative Grants Services, the following priorities have been identified and are in the works by CGS and project team staff.



Training



CGS Training | Delivery Schedule

Below is the proposed approach for communicating and delivering training and train the trainer for phase 1.

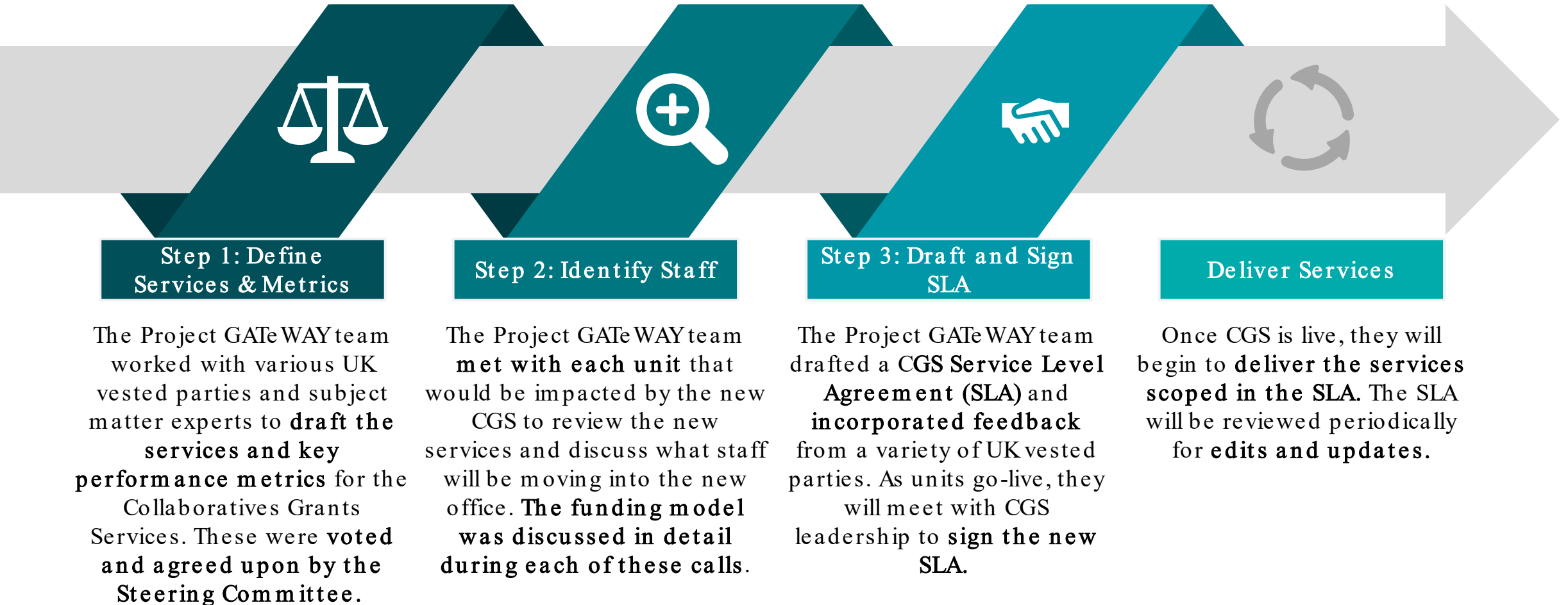
Vested parties	Delivery	Delivery POC
Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90-minute session • At least two offered for each go live • Record and post 	Dr. Cassis, Susan, Unit Leadership
College/Department Business Officer/Department Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-hour session • One offered for each go live • Record and post 	Managers

CGS Service Level Agreement



CGS Service Level Agreement | Process

In order to inform supervisor and staffing need for CGS, the team tailored our benchmarking approach to UK the data on unit profiles, size / complexity, etc. collected through Project GATeWAY.



Your involvement is crucial to the project's success!
Thank you for joining us on this journey.

Feedback, comments, or questions can be sent to the following address:

ukprojectgateway@uky.edu

THANK YOU!

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Executive Director

Julie Combs, CRA

Assistant Director, Post Award

Rick Mullins, CRA

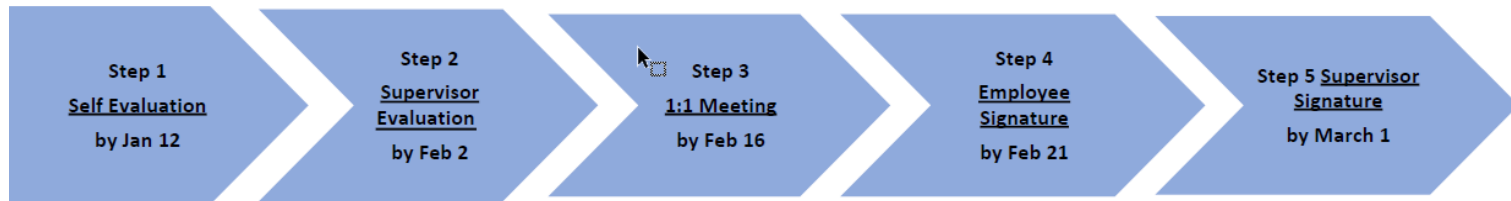
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HR TEAM TOPICS

STAFF PERFORMANCE EVALUATION UPDATE

- The M-G CAFE PE deadline is coming up on **March 1, 2024**
- Resources are available to both employees and supervisors on our site.
- We will continue to send weekly status reports.



IMPORTANT DATES

Earliest Payroll Retro Date

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We are trying to save you from having to process the dreaded Z4 JV

SAP Bi-weekly Payroll Schedule for Jan-June 2024									
Time Load, Time Transfer, and Time Evaluation MUST be run EACH day									
s MUST be ved in sation by 5:00 PM	Data and Time Input MUST be entered by Thursday 5:00 pm Payroll Run (Prelim)	Corrections and Other Data MUST be entered by Sunday 5:00 pm Payroll Correction Run (Trial)	Departments have until Monday 5:00 pm for biweekly payroll corrections Payroll Correction Run (Final)	Payroll Period Dates				**Earliest Retro Date Set After Payroll	Pay Confir Off C Proce Wedne
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3/14/24	03/07/24	03/10/24	03/11/24	2/25	3/9	3/15	6		
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The HR/Payroll System will be available for changes all day Saturday and Sunday until 5:00pm.

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3/1/24	03/14/24	03/17/24	03/18/24	3/1	3/31	3/29	3		



Work-Life Events FEBRUARY 2024

**FEB
1**

The work-life balance reality

Noon - 1 p.m. via Zoom

Presenter: Dr. Nichole Huff

**FEB
13**

Using music therapy to build your child's social skills

Noon - 1 p.m. via Zoom

Presenter: Nora Veblen

**FEB
20**

Forgetfulness: What is normal aging and what isn't?

Noon - 1 p.m. via Zoom

Presenter: Dr. Erin Abner

**FEB
21**

Parents "Real Talk" virtual chat

8:30-9 a.m. via Zoom

Offered by UK HR Work-Life & the UK Working Parents Network

**FEB
21**

Elder caregivers support group

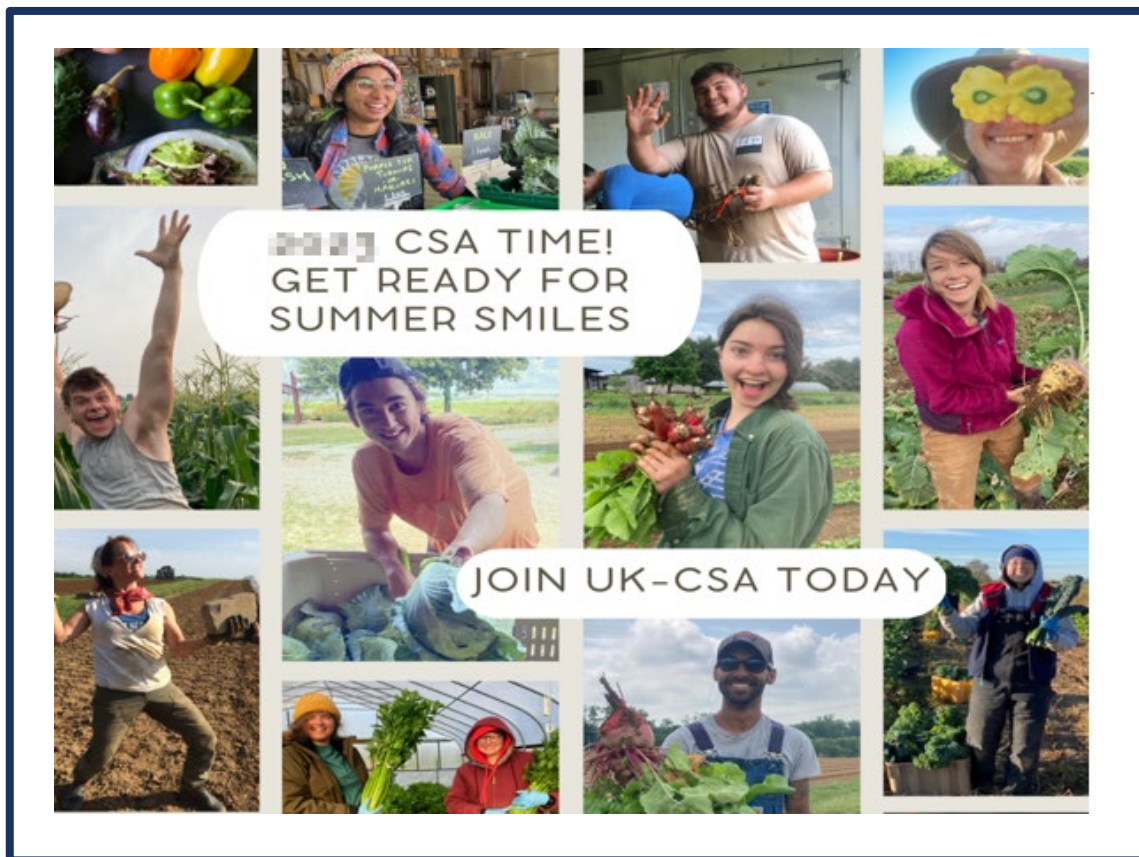
Noon - 1 p.m. via Zoom

Presenters: Terri Weber and Ann Bassoni

All events are held virtually. Visit the
Work-Life calendar to register:
www.hr.uky.edu/worklifecalendar

WORK LIFE EVENTS

CSA ENROLLMENT & VOUCHERS



- CSA shareholders purchase a share of a farm's harvest before the season starts and commit to being a shareholder for the entire designated season. In return, shareholders will receive a weekly box or bag of farm vegetables and sometimes fruit and herbs as well.
- The UK HR Health and Wellness CSA Voucher program helps make this choice easier for you! As a participant in this program, employees* on a health plan receive a \$200 vouchers toward the cost of a CSA share from one of our partner farms.
- <https://www.uky.edu/hr/community-supported-agriculture-csa>

With the Scovell Hall renovation - where will HR services be located?

How do I figure out leave accrual rates?

Why are work addresses important?

How should backup coverage be managed!?!?

What steps are taken by the college to onboard staff?

Who are the current college ICAT Users

When is the next Employee Resource Festival?!?

Why do we have an employee exit survey?

HR HUDDLE

March 12, 2024 @ 10:00 AM EST
N24b AG NORTH

Join us for pastries and an interactive conversation on current relevant topics.

[Click here to rsvp.](#)

Zoom Option Available for those with offices located off campus.



Student Job Fair
February 28, Noon to 5
Gatton Student Center Ballroom

Announcing an exciting opportunity for filling your student positions!

Hey Department HR Administrators – are you ready to attract some highly motivated students for your open positions?

The college HR Team is very excited to be at the **February 28th Student Job Fair** to promote all your student job opportunities. At this unique job fair, we're going to create a special, temporary section of our college [Job Page](#) website to specifically highlight student positions, and this page will be featured on our post cards via a QR code the students can scan.

The good news is that we'll be able to streamline much of this process for you – no individual booths, no need to help us staff the event! Let us handle your initial recruitment so you can focus on sorting out the ideal student candidates.

In order to make this a success however, **we need your help identifying your positions.**

Wish You Were Here!

UK Martin-Gatton
College of Agriculture,
Food and Environment





12-Month Faculty Vacation Rollover

- For FY'24, **all** unused faculty vacation leave will be extended until **September 30, 2024**.
- Applicable faculty will be able to view their new deadline date, via the myUK portal, by mid-May.
- Vacation accruing faculty will still receive their FY'24 quota on July, 1, 2024.

Note: Unused leave from FY'24 will **not** be subject to terminal vacation payout if a faculty member resigns after June 30, 2024.

SERVICE AWARDS



Service awards will be distributed in March.

Big thank you to all of the order coordinators!



Save The Date!

**Spring 2024
Employee Resource
Festival**

"A Sense of Belonging"

April 17 - 10 am - Zoom

**EMPLOYEE
RESOURCE
FESTIVAL
INVITE**

[HTTPS://UKY.AZI.QUALTRICS.COM/J
FE/FORM/SV_4MJJLRKA6CJZFR1](https://uky.azi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_4mjjlrka6cjzfr1)

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND



Interested in attending a conference or expo? How about getting some extra training or obtaining a certificate? The college is here to help with that!

What qualifies?

- Professional development, continuing education, or business procedure training

Examples:

- Conferences, Expos, Meetings, Trainings/Certificates (Experienced Leader Academy, Certificate in Graphic Design from the Pratt Institute, Automotive Repair Technician Program, etc.)

Reminders:

- Each professional development must be related to the employee's current job
- The department must cover at least 50% of the expenses
- Requests may not exceed \$1000 in a fiscal year.
- The employee must be in a regular staff position, in M-G CAFE, with an fte of 75% or greater.
- If the employee is participating in the conference as a presenter instead of an attendee, then they are not eligible for the fund.

- Main HR will be moving in phases (official dates TBD)
- STEPS will be moving to Southcreek Park (anticipated dates: late February or early March)
- Many in-person services will be moving to Mandrell Hall (anticipated dates: late February or early March)



Southcreek Park, 2365 Harrodsburg Road



Mandrell Hall, 635 S. Limestone

SCOVELL HALL RENOVATIONS

Coordinating job searches just got so much easier! Did you know that personnel file reviews can now be conducted from anywhere? Search Coordinators are encouraged to attend the HR Huddle to learn about this exciting new process!!!





QUESTIONS?