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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Research Administrative professional with 7+ years' experience supporting researchers at the university level and at tech startup companies in the life, medical, and biomedical sciences to acquire non-dilutive research funding.
- Integrated team member with 10+ years' experience coordinating interactions with business and academic units effectively and professionally to provide solutions for researchers, investors, CEOs, employees, and guests.
- Collaborative team member with strong organizational, communication, decision making, and time management abilities.

EXPERIENCE

2020-present

Biomedical Engineering Department - University of Arkansas, Research Coordinator

- Work with research investigators on research proposal submissions, post awards, and closeout activities
- Work with faculty and staff members throughout the university to support the department's activities consistent with its goals and mission
- Member of the College of Engineering Communications Group, providing assistance in preparing newswire articles and blog posts related to grant awards and special notices for the department
- Member of three department committees: Budget, DEI, and Staff Search Committees

2014-2020

VIC Technology Venture Development, LLC, Research Administrator/Office Manager

- Worked with primary investigators and research institutions on grant proposal submissions
- Set-up companies in government grant systems (SAM, grants.gov, NIH & NSF)
- Communicated with professors during formation of IP-based tech startups
- Prepared investment documents and communicated with investors
- Maintained corporate records for various Boards
- Reviewed and edited research proposals, press releases, e-newsletters, and correspondence

2011-2014

UA Technology Development Foundation, Assistant to the President

- Provided support to affiliates and guests of the Arkansas Research & Technology Park
- Assisted UA Patent & Copyright Committee with record keeping
- Communicated with UA Administration and business leaders on Board matters
- Created quarterly newsletters, maintained webpage and Facebook page for ARTP
- Gathered data and prepared layout for annual report publication

2008-2011

Washington County Library System, Greenland Library Clerk

- Assisted library patrons with research and selection of materials
- Researched special requests from other libraries through inner-library loans
- Spearheaded reactivation of Friends of the Library and recruited members

2001-2008

Family Business, Manager

- Provided bookkeeping for family-owned rental units
- Maintained budget for work projects; hired/supervised contractors

1997-2000

NWA Rape Crisis, Director of Education/Co-Director

- Offered crisis intervention to teen and adult sexual assault survivors in 3-county area
- Wrote, presented, and tracked grant proposals
- Provided prevention education to students and continuing education for professionals

EDUCATION

- Master of Business Administration, University of Arkansas
- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism (Public Relations/Advertising), University of Arkansas
- Teaching Certificate (English and Journalism) University of Arkansas

CERTIFICATIONS

• Certified Research Administrator (CRA)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Council of University Research Administrators
- Women's Giving Circle, University of Arkansas
- University of Arkansas Alumni Association

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

- City of Fayetteville Animal Shelter, volunteer animal socializer (halted during COVID)
- Friends of the Greenland Library
- Georgia Kunze's Monday Night Book Club

PAST AFFILIATIONS

- City of Fayetteville Civil Service Commission, Commissioner
- City of Fayetteville Juvenile Concerns Committee, Teacher Representative
- EOA Head Start Policy Council of Washington County, Community Representative
- Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce Community Development Committee
- Favetteville's Chamber of Commerce Education Committee
- Fayetteville Jaycees
- Ozark Literacy Council, ESL tutor
- Washington County Juvenile Justice Advisory Board
- Washington County League of Women Voters

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