2027 RF Mentoring Program
Mentor Bios

Corinne Lentz
Senior Sponsored Awards Analyst



Corinne Lentz serves as a Senior Sponsored Award Analyst in the Office for Research and Innovation at Stony Brook University. In this role, she oversees a portfolio of sponsored awards across designated departments, managing the full financial lifecycle of each award. Her responsibilities include providing financial oversight, invoicing and reporting, monitoring budgets and expenditures, ensuring compliance with sponsor and university guidelines, and partnering with principal investigators and departmental administrators to support the effective financial management of sponsored research activities. She also trains and mentors new staff members.

Corinne's work style is organized, proactive, collaborative, and detail-oriented. She enjoys working independently and taking ownership of her responsibilities while recognizing the importance of teamwork, knowledge sharing, and building strong professional relationships.

Throughout her career, Corinne has been fortunate to contribute to teams responsible for implementing new programs, applications, and processes across a variety of roles. These experiences have helped her develop strong adaptability, problem-solving, and collaboration skills. She enjoys participating in initiatives that improve workflows, increase efficiency, and support organizational growth.

Stony Brook University

Terrell D. Rabb
Director of Research Security



Terrell D. Rabb is Director of Research Security and Research Security Officer at the University at Albany, SUNY, where he leads the University's research security program, including export control and sanctions compliance, conflicts of interest management, and data use agreements

Additionally, he chairs the SUNY/RF Export Control discussion group, is a member of the PACS Oversight and Governance Group, has co-authored training for Authorized Organizational Representatives for the Society of Research Administrators International (SRAI), and writes for the Association of University Export Control Officers (AUECO) Newsletter. A UAlbany compliance professional since 2011, he previously worked at the NYS Department of Public Service. He holds a master's degree from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy and a B.S. from Texas A&M University.

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Cinthia Alvarez-Buonaiuto
Sponsored Awards Analyst



Cinthia Alvarez-Buonaiuto is a Sponsored Awards Analyst (SAA) who oversees post-award grant expenditures to ensure compliance with sponsor guidelines. In this role, Cinthia partners closely with departments and provides support with payroll, invoicing, and financial reporting. A highly visual and organized professional, she enjoys creating tables, lists, and other tools to stay on track and is always interested in learning how others approach organization and productivity. Colleagues appreciate her approachable nature and trustworthiness, which help foster strong working relationships across the organization.

Outside of work, Cinthia is an artist and enjoys pursuing creative endeavors in her free time.

Professional Achievements

Completed the SUNY SAIL Summer Leadership Program.

Earned her bachelor's degree in 2021 as a part-time student, returning to school after a remarkable 37-year break.

Stony Brook University

Mary Ellen “Meg” Mitchell
Travel Director



Mary Ellen (Meg) Mitchell is the Travel Director at the University at Buffalo, where she has dedicated 21 years of service, including 19 years in the Travel Department. With more than 30 years of customer service experience, she brings a strong commitment to teamwork, problem-solving, and providing excellent service to the university community. Meg's work style is hands-on, collaborative, and supportive. She believes in leading by example, maintaining a positive work environment, and treating everyone with kindness and respect. She enjoys helping others succeed, finding ways to improve processes, embracing new technology, and making sure her team feels valued and supported.

She takes pride in helping travelers receive timely reimbursements while continually seeking ways to improve the experience.

Outside of work, Meg enjoys movies, music, fishing, and cheering on the Buffalo Bills. Her personal motto is simple: Be kind to everyone.

University at Buffalo

Jeffrey Dillen
Director of Compliance and Governance Counsel



Jeff Dillen is the Director of Compliance & Governance Counsel at the Research Foundation for SUNY. With nearly 30 years of legal and leadership experience in both the public and private sectors, he has built a career focused on client counseling and navigating complex regulatory environments. Prior to joining the Research Foundation, Jeff served as Deputy General Counsel at the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. Earlier in his career, he worked as a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division and in private practice at Dorsey & Whitney. Jeff is a strong believer in the value of building trust-driven professional relationships.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jeff and his wife have lived across the country throughout their careers and raised three children together.

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Andrew Kenyon
Ethics & Compliance Manager



Andrew Kenyon is Ethics & Compliance Manager at The Research Foundation for SUNY. He has been a member of the RF's Office of Compliance Services since 2019. His responsibilities include learning and development, conflicts management, and policy administration. He appreciates how these roles allow him to engage with and learn from colleagues across the RF enterprise.

Before entering the compliance field, Andrew spent 13 years as an RF employee at SUNY Press, serving in editorial roles. He is grateful for all the opportunities the RF has provided for professional development and has previously participated in the RF's Mentoring Program both as a protégé and as a mentor. He is looking forward to being a part of this program again.

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