



Research Administrators' Symposium
**Decades of Discovery: Enabling SUNY's Best for
75 Years**
September 1-2, 2026
Albany, NY



Day 1, September 1

11:30 AM-12:15 PM **Welcome Lunch**

12:15 PM-12:30 PM **A Word from Our Co-Chairs**

12:30 PM-1:30 PM **General Session: Servant Leadership Through Stories**

1:30 PM-1:45 PM Break

1:45 PM-2:45 PM **Concurrent Sessions Group 1**

- Career Conversations in Research Administration
- AP/Purchasing Processes Best Practices
- Brave New World: AI in Research Administration Part 1
- RF Compliance Escape Room: Puzzles, Clues, and Compliance . . . Oh My!

2:45 PM-2:55 PM Break

2:55 PM-4:00 PM **Concurrent Sessions Group 2**

- Building Research Capacity Through Collaboration
- Gaining Control of Subrecipient Monitoring
- Insights from Unionization Across RF for SUNY
- Linking Industry with SUNY Research, Talent, and Innovation
- RF Compliance Escape Room Puzzles, Clues, and Compliance . . . Oh My!

4:00 PM-4:15 PM Break

4:15 PM-5:15 PM **Cocktail Reception**

5:30 PM **75th Dinner Celebration**



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Day 2, September 2

7:30 AM-8:15 AM **Breakfast with Focus Group Tables**

8:15 AM **Welcome Day 2**

8:20 AM **Chancellor John B. King, Jr. Message**

8:30 AM-9:00 AM **Recognition Awards**

9:00 AM-9:15 AM Break

9:15 AM-10:15 AM **General Session: Changes in Federal Administration –
Recap and How Research Administrators Can Adapt and Thrive**

10:15 AM-10:30 AM Break

10:30 AM-11:30 AM **Concurrent Session Group 3**

- Brave New World: AI in Research Administration Part 2
- Let's Talk Audits
- Navigating Risk and Opportunity in International Research Collaborations
- Insurance – Lifecycle Overview

11:30 AM-11:45 AM Closing Session

11:45 AM **Symposium Close / Box Lunches To Go**