

Cindy Dickson, MBA

Cindy Dickson, MBA, served as clinic supervisor at Loma Linda University Health's division of neurosurgery from 1993 to 1999. She then accepted a position as research administrator for Loma Linda University's Neurosurgery Center for Research, Training and Education. In 2012, Dickson joined Loma Linda University Health's centralized Office of Research Affairs as a pre-award grant analyst.

Dickson is a co-author on numerous publications and has experience in research project management and project design, proposal, and budget development. She has contributed her grantsmanship expertise on numerous federal and non-federal proposals submitted by Loma Linda University investigators.

A strong advocate for research and development, Dickson has been involved in the establishment of the Neurosurgery Center for Research, Training and Education. She has also managed and coordinated a \$6.4 million Alzheimer's disease bioengineering research study funded by the National Institute of Aging and is co-inventor of several medical devices.

Dickson earned an MBA with an emphasis in global business from the University of Redlands, School of Business in 2014. She also cofounded KOAG Medical Inc., a biomedical start-up company, and served as its CFO from 2006 to 2014.

Sherie Donahue, MS

After receiving her master of science degree in microbiology and molecular genetics from Loma Linda University in 1996, Sherie Donahue, MS, worked as a senior technical assistant in the Office of University Relations at Loma Linda University from 1995 to 2002. She has worked for the last 15 years in Research Affairs in various positions. Donahue's customer service attitude, efficiency and high ethical standards have earned her the trust and respect of administrators, faculty and staff.

In addition to being a pre-award expert, she has held many responsibilities in Research Affairs. These include being instrumental in transitioning pre-award and grant submissions to electronic processes and serving as the administrator for internal funding mechanisms at Loma Linda University. She has worked closely with the Information Systems team to design a conflict of interest system and to develop and implement eForms and electronic processes to transition the institutional biosafety committee to paperless management.

Wesley James, MA, MPH

Wesley James, MA, MPH, worked in the Office of Sponsored Research from 2001 to 2011. He then served as assistant director for health research at the Loma Linda University's School of Public Health from 2012 to 2015 before returning to Research Affairs in 2015 as accreditation coordinator. James now joins the newly assembled pre-award team.

Before joining Loma Linda University, he worked as project coordinator for Libreria del Pueblo, a community-based organization in San Bernardino and as a grant writer for M.H.M. & Associates in San Bernardino.

James coordinated the 2016 Research Symposium for research affairs, an event that showcases services offered by the Research Affairs office to Loma Linda University Health investigators and the 2017 Research Exhibition during the inaugural One Homecoming.

James earned a bachelor's degree in religion and psychology from Spicer Memorial College in Pune, India, in 1982; a master's degree in psychology from Pune University in 1984; and in 1994, he earned a master's degree in global health and health promotion from Loma Linda University's School of Public Health.