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## Reducing Administrative Burdens for Investigators

Dear Colleagues,

President Stanley recently announced a campus-wide initiative to reduce or eliminate administrative burdens that impact the University's research enterprise. This project, *Facilitating Researcher Success*, is currently being launched under the joint leadership of the Office of the Vice President for Research and the Office of the Senior Vice President for Administration. The project's scope includes the complete spectrum of activities that investigators face while conducting their sponsored research.

Further details of the [Facilitating Researcher Success](http://research.stonybrook.edu) project can be found on the website, including membership of the Steering Committee and the nine Task Forces, and project updates. This link can also be found on the Stony Brook Research webpage: <http://research.stonybrook.edu>.

Task Force focus areas include:

- 1) Proposal Development & Funding Opportunities
- 2) Sponsored Programs (Pre-Award)
- 3) Grants Management (Post-Award)
- 4) Compliance (IACUC, IRB, IBC, COI, Export Control and Training)
- 5) Patents, Technology Licensing & IP
- 6) Industry Relations
- 7) Human Resources
- 8) Procurement
- 9) Facilities and Lab Rehabs.

**The purpose of this email is to ask for your help by informing the Task Forces of administrative hurdles or pain points that you have experienced in relation to research activities and to offer suggestions for improving them. To gather your concerns and recommendations, and to direct them to the appropriate Task Forces, we have created an [electronic form](#) (accessible from the webpage) that allows you to provide input to any or all of the focus areas noted above. All information provided is anonymous. Please take this opportunity to help us improve the administrative processes associated with Stony Brook's research enterprise.**

Thank you for your help,

Rich Reeder