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Profile of a Research Administrator: Enabling Research, Reducing Bureaucracy

As the Assistant Vice Provost for Research Administration – Strategic Initiatives at the University of Washington, Lynette Arias works to make rules, regulations, and recordkeeping easier for the research community, so that they can spend more time and resources on actual research and less on the unpleasant but necessary administrative requirements. Arias provides leadership to associations such as the Council on Government Relations and the Federal Demonstration Partnership to support and advocate on behalf of UW researchers to identify risks, establish best practices, and streamline relevant business processes. The strategic initiatives that she is actively engaged in at this time include securing US researchers against foreign influence and influencing emerging research data transparency and dissemination regulations. Lynette Arias is not a researcher herself, but she realized that she could make a valuable contribution by collaborating to identify and minimize the regulatory and administrative tasks that take researchers' time away from actually doing research.

This story will appeal to the academic community. It will let research investigators know that someone is on their side when it comes to reducing the administrative burden that accompanies federally funded research. It will inspire early-career university administrators by illuminating a worthwhile career path.

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