Join the Sponsored Programs Reporting Team at the University of Michigan!
We are part of U-M’s Finance Division

The Reporting Team—within the Sponsored Programs Department—collaborates to manage the financial post-award activities of U-M's sponsored research enterprise to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local laws as well as sponsor regulations.

U-M receives $1.2 billion+ in revenues from various government agencies and private sources—known as sponsors—to conduct research. Our team helps improve the world by supporting the research, education, and patient care that makes U-M a world-class institution!
What is sponsored research?

Research that’s conducted at U-M and funded by an external organization such as a governmental agency, non-profit, or corporation. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which includes the National Institutes of Health and is consistently the largest external sponsor of research at U-M, provided more than $720 million in FY 2023.

U-M is widely recognized as one of the world’s leading research universities and provides an exceptionally fertile ground for innovative and interdisciplinary research that benefits the world community.
What does the Reporting Team do?

Reporting prepares financial reports in coordination with the unit that’s conducting the research. We interact with the U-M community on a daily basis and—in conjunction with the rest of the Sponsored Programs Department—prepare over 9,000 financial reports every year to support the university’s research efforts.

We do it while maintaining a work/life balance with a 40-hour work week and having a lot of fun along the way! And our work to support U-M’s research mission really makes a difference. Over the years, U-M research has contributed to society by improving human health, addressing emerging problems, and creating new technologies.
Leadership in the Reporting area

Kristie Beckon
Assistant Director of Reporting
Hometown: Detroit, MI
Hobbies: Traveling and watching movies
Education: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Mia Bennardi
Reporting Manager
Hometown: Bradford, PA
Hobbies: Music and walking
Education: Penn State

Jenna Fitzgerald
Reporting Senior Supervisor
Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI
Hobbies: Reading and cooking
Education: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Eastern Michigan University—Master’s Degree
Opportunities to grow in Reporting and Sponsored Programs!

Teams within Reporting

Uniform Guidance Team: Reviews expenditures in comparison with approved federally sponsored project budgets and provides policy and procedure interpretation to the U-M community.

Training Team: Prepares financial reports and trains new employees via multi-month program that includes exposure to different report types as well as classroom learning.

Operations Team: Prepares interim and final financial reports in coordination with U-M unit, including closure of the project.

Other teams in Sponsored Programs

Contract Administration reviews and signs contracts, grants, and amendments for U-M's externally funded sponsored projects and prepares subcontracts and amendments in alignment with sponsor requirements.

Customer Service helps units manage their sponsored research projects on a day-to-day basis with exemplary service and a variety of helpful resources.
Sponsored Programs embraces **diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI)** and offers a positive work culture!
Working at U-M

TRAINING & CAREER
advancement opportunities

A LEADING U.S. PUBLIC RESEARCH UNIVERSITY
Source: National Science Foundation

Generous vacation and sick time

40 HOUR WORK WEEK

REMOTE work options

$1.8 BILLION in annual research expenditures

One of the largest employers in SE Michigan
Working at U-M

UM-wide commitment to DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

2:1 retirement match

19 Colleges & Schools

Nearly 500 Employee Discounts on everything from cars to dining

1,500 Nearly 1,500 finance professionals

$11.3 Billion $11.3 billion operating budget

FLEXIBLE work schedule
Working at U-M

STABILITY
U-M is 200+ years old

Great health care benefits

50,000+
employees

Frequent TEAM BUILDING
and social activities

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES
(e.g., event planning, employee survey, and recognition teams)

HIGH SCORES
on employee engagement survey
Join our team!

We’d love to hear from you. If you’d like more information, have a few questions, or would like to talk with some of our employees about our work and culture, please get in touch!

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