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Examples of the kind of assistance the RAMs can provide include but are not limited to the following areas of research administration:

- Prospect/sponsor searches
- Interpretation of guidelines
- Complex proposal preparation (coalescing ideas, editing, budgeting, bios, letters of support, etc.)
- Education for faculty and staff in concepts in project management (labor scheduling, effort reporting, interpreting financial reports)
- CAS guidance
- Grantsmanship tips specific to the sponsor
- Coordination of research administration efforts among central offices, faculty, and departmental administrators
- Assistance with service center (recharge) proposals and issues
- Expertise to provide timely and accurate answers to your research administration questions