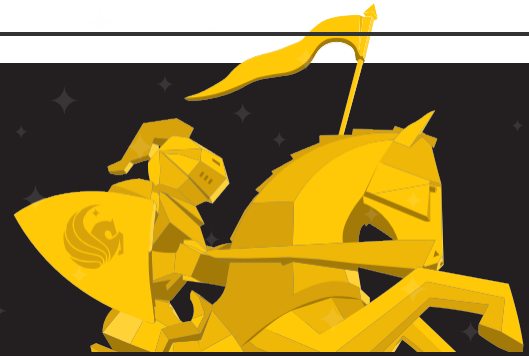


# UCF RISING



## WHAT IS UCF RISING?

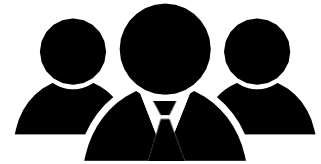
A program (collection) of individual projects and initiatives aligned with the Collective Impact goal of doubling research awards to

**\$250 million**

annually by 2020

Significant changes to business processes and systems that support research are anticipated between now and April

**2020**



## WHO IS INVOLVED?

- ◆ Program initiated under direct auspices of **Elizabeth Dooley, Provost**
- ◆ Monthly **Executive Steering Committee** oversight
- ◆ Periodic **Advisory Council** meetings to provide guidance to program management
- ◆ **Departmental Administrator Research Focus group** to guide business process development and recommend change management efforts
- ◆ Project team members from **Finance and Accounting, Human Resources, Office of Research, and UCF IT**

## WHAT CHANGES ARE ANTICIPATED TO AFFECT PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS (PIs) AND OTHER RESEARCH FACULTY?

- ◆ **New processes** in HR system will enable encumbrance of salary and fringe benefit expense, thus improving “real-time” project expense reporting for principal investigators and research administrators
- ◆ **Enabling system controls** for project funding end dates which prevent charging payroll to a project beyond its grant/contract end date
- ◆ **Significant improvement** in recording salary cost transfers
- ◆ **Improved** transparency and accuracy on labor distribution costs and effort reporting, resulting in improved compliance with grantor requirements
- ◆ **Implementation** of a comprehensive Electronic Research Administration (eRA) suite, with integrated applications for:
  - ◆ IRB
  - ◆ IACUC
  - ◆ Grants and Agreements in the Huron Research Suite (eRA)
  - ◆ PeopleSoft Financials Grants module implementation and integration
  - ◆ Conflict of Interest