

ALES RESEARCH TEAM

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Where are we located?

- 2-10 and 2-14 Agriculture/Forestry Centre
- Marina and Krista (2-10C): Marina and Krista follow a hybrid work schedule. Please contact them if you would like to meet in person during working hours
- René (2-10H): On campus Monday to Friday
- Barb (2-14B): By appointment
- <https://intranet.ales.ualberta.ca/research/>

How do we serve/support the academic community?

- **Development of Large-Scale Strategic Initiatives**
 - We support the development of large multi-researcher, faculty and institutional applications; working alongside researchers, sponsors and stakeholders to help manage submissions and launch new large strategic research programs.
- **Research Funding Applications and Proposals**
 - We provide advice and answer questions as you develop your research applications and proposals.
 - We review research documents for eligibility, compliance and required elements, and work with you to obtain signature(s) and approval(s) as needed.
 - We provide additional support for Assistant Professors and newly hired faculty where possible.
 - We provide Department Chairs with a summary of departmental activity, noteworthy cases and strategic opportunities on a regular basis.
- **Faculty of ALES and Research Administrative Services (RAS) on-line review and approvals**
 - The deadline to submit a proposal for internal review to the Faculty of ALES is 8 business days prior to the sponsor deadline, to allow time for Faculty and RAS review and approval; we will inform you if this deadline is extended for high-volume competitions (e.g., Agriculture Funding Consortium and NSERC Discovery). Please check the RAS website or contact Marina or Krista if you have any questions about deadlines.

- **Research proposal reviews completed by the ALES Research Team will include:**
 - Budget and Budget Justification aligns with UofA policies and sponsor guidelines.
 - [Indirect costs of Research](#) (ICR) also known as overhead, is included (default is 30%) when allowed by the sponsor. See our ALES ICR policy [here](#).
 - Administrative fees such as [Direct Grant Administrative Costs](#) (DGAC) are included where allowed by sponsor, when the sponsor does not pay overhead.
 - Authorization from the Dean is included in the submission if there is any deviation from the standard rates for ICR or DGAC; or if there are any Faculty commitments (e.g., funding support or space).
 - Note: The Dean's approval is not needed if there is a *publicly available policy* on overhead from the sponsor which is less than 30%, however, the reduced amount must be included in the proposal.
 - Authorization from your Chair is included in the submission if there are any Department commitments (e.g., teaching release).
 - Note: Formal authorization(s) must be in place **prior to submission** for internal review or it will be returned to the PI.
 - Inclusion of supporting documentation for contributions (cash and in-kind) made from other sources (e.g., supporting companies, researchers, other institutions, etc.). Please see our in-kind calculator [here](#).
 - Certifications, Commercial Rights (e.g., intellectual property, IP), Data Transfer Agreements are included where appropriate.
 - Alignment to non-budget related sponsor guidelines in order to improve success rate for applications – only if submitted well before deadline.
 - If the application requires Faculty letters of support, the draft letters must be provided by the PI along with the application to be reviewed and signed by the ADR.

- **Research Funding Opportunities:**
 - One of the ALES Research Team's priorities is to regularly connect with the Vice-President Research and Innovation (VPRI), RAS, Tri-Agencies, and other offices and funding organizations to be aware of new opportunities as early as possible; and allow for the development and communication of internal Faculty processes for competitions that require Faculty level adjudication.
 - We can help you best if you provide us with early notification of your intent to apply and submit your NOI on your Researcher Homepage.
 - We send out a weekly ALES Research Team Newsletter notifying all ALES Researchers of funding opportunities of broad interest. We will also notify certain specific groups of Researchers when more targeted opportunities arise. Please fill out this [form](#) to subscribe:
 - RAS Funding Opportunities list:
 - <https://www.ualberta.ca/research-services-office/funding-opportunities/index.html>

- **Research Grant Post-Award Support**
 - We are your first point of contact for questions involving post-award grant management.
 - We review grant amendments for documentation and completeness.

- We are the first point of contact for Researchers retiring or leaving the university regarding next steps for their research grants (closing, moving, account management etc).
- We work closely with the UofA Research Partner Network and our ALES Research Partner [Hui Wang](#).