SOM CRSO July, 2019 Survey Results

In July 2019, we administered a survey to assess strengths, challenges, and needs of the UNC clinical research community. We received responses from 114 individuals, with 86% of those respondents from the SOM, with the most commonly reported challenge related to a lack of standardization in processes and/or lack of knowledge or resources to support research processes.

We asked respondents to rate the level of challenge experienced with 9 types of research activities. Listed from most significant challenges reported to least challenge reported:

1. Personnel training and management
2. Contract negotiation
3. Participant recruitment
4. Regulatory submissions and management
5. Post-award financial management
6. Pre-award project management
7. Budget development
8. Data informatics and management
9. Executing study protocols

Finally, we asked respondents to report what primary challenge they would like solved if they had a “magic wand.” The most common responses received were requests for:

1. Centralized office to standardize conduct of research activities
2. Centralized system to track required submissions
3. More guidance on navigating clinical research at UNC
4. Improve efficiency and timelines related to regulatory and contracting processes
5. Ability to hire and appropriately compensate qualified staff

The responses from this survey have been used to inform the development and prioritized activities of the SOM Clinical Research Support Office (CRSO). We look forward to continued engagement with the SOM clinical research community to develop the specific activities and functions of the CRSO.