



Northeastern

# Integration Team for Research Management

January 2018

# Vision: Building a World Class Research Infrastructure

- Adequate, Sustainable Sources of Financial Support
- Sufficient Staffing Resources; Training & Professional Development Opportunities
- Networked Digital Platform for Research Management
- Standardized Guidance/Policies and Streamlined Processes
- Optimal Organizational Structure
- Sustained Commitment



# July 2017: Inaugural I-Team chartered by the SLT

**Lead:** Art Kramer, *Senior Vice Provost for Research & Graduate Education*

**Members:** David Budil (*CoS, Faculty Representative*)

Dana Carroll, Joan Cyr (*Research Administration*)

Barbara Healy Smith (*Office of General Counsel*)

Jeff Seo (*Research Compliance*)

Stephanie Trowbridge (*ITS*)

Terri Waggett (*Controller/Research Finance*)

## **Additional support and input from:**

•**Faculty:** Carey Rappaport, Dana Brooks, Paul Whitford, Nic McGruer

•**Decision Support:** Diana Danelin

•**Finance:** David Navick, Don Stewart

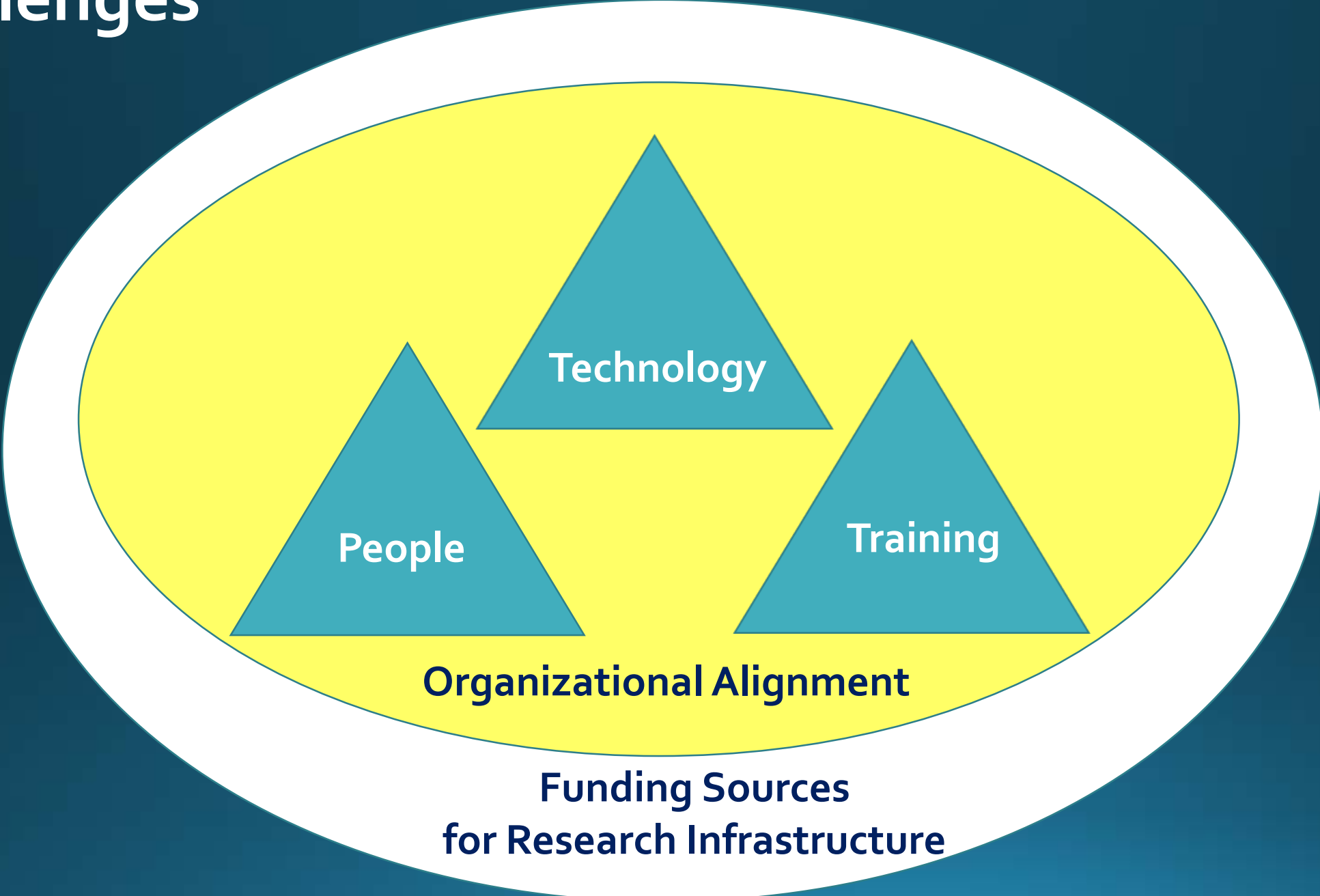
•**College Administrators:** Steve Cramer, Jack McDevitt, Matt Tobin, Andrew Lawrence

# I-Team Charge

Coordinate the evolution of our integrated research administration functions; identify and recommend **Technology** and **Organizational** enhancements to promote:

- Increased **Efficiency/Transparency**
- Improved **Timeliness** of Reviews & Approvals
- Enhanced identification and leverage of **Industry Partnerships**

# Challenges



**Organizational Alignment**

**Funding Sources  
for Research Infrastructure**



# Research Management Network



# Research Administration & Finance - FY2017

The Research Administration team reviewed and submitted **1,175** proposals and received nearly **3,300** additional transactions that required institutional review and approval.

The Research Finance team reviewed and approved more than **17,890** financial transactions & reports.

Newly created positions include: Director for Award Administration & Senior Negotiator/Industry Portfolio Manager. Recent Hires include: **Amanda Humphrey** Director for Award Administration, **Julia Holmes** IRB Coordinator, **Amanda Ramos** eRA Application Support Specialist, **Alex Tran** Director Research Finance, and **Nina Wilt** Sr. Negotiator/IP Manager.

# Progress Reports and Recommendations through 12/2017

- **Short-Term Initiatives:**
  - **Central Staffing**
  - **Automate Research Management Workflows**
    - **Priority One™ BA**
    - **expand ePAWS**
  - **Research Compliance & Management Training**
- **Internal Environmental Scan: Development of Administrator, College, University & Faculty Surveys**
- **Communication Plan**



# Discussion Points: *People, Processes, Technology, Organization & Communication*

1. What one thing would you like to have to improve submission of your research proposals?
2. What one thing would you like to have to improve the management or execution of your research awards?
3. Based on your experience at other universities, what resources/practices would you recommend NU adopt to better support faculty research?
4. What do you recommend for more productive communication between faculty and administrators?



# Faculty Feedback *coming soon....*

- Faculty Survey
- Research Management updates via email/listserve (“opt-in” subscription)  
[Research-Faculty-Request@listserv.neu.edu](mailto:Research-Faculty-Request@listserv.neu.edu)

Register by emailing [RA@northeastern.edu](mailto:RA@northeastern.edu)



*Thank you!*