

ResearchPOST

Research Project Operations and Strategy Team

We Handle Complexity. You Focus on Discovery.

Research projects can involve multiple stakeholders, strict deadlines, and complex coordination-- elements that are time-consuming and often frustrating. Iowa State University's ResearchPOST provides experienced project managers who guide scientific, scholarly, or educational initiatives, with a focus on post-award support. By building essential infrastructure and ensuring efficient progress, we enable you to focus on your research.

Why Project Management Matters

Managing a research project goes far beyond conducting experiments and analyzing data. Effective project management involves orchestrating internal and external communications, ensuring deliverables are met, and maintaining budget discipline. Think of project managers as the conductors of an intricate symphony—synchronizing each instrument, timing every note, and bringing all elements together in perfect harmony so your research reaches its peak potential.

By working with one of our experienced project managers, you can:

- Ensure projects are completed on time and within scope and allocated budget
- Reduce administrative burdens, freeing up more time for research
- Strengthen internal and external stakeholder communication and collaboration
- Facilitate resource allocation and grant compliance



Project Examples

While some researchers may view project management costs as an added expense, it is, in fact, a strategic investment that pays off by saving time and resources over the life of your project. Our project managers work to ensure that your research proceeds smoothly and stays on course from inception to completion.

The cost of project management services depends on the level of effort required, the duration of engagement, and the complexity of the project. Whether you need part-time support on a limited basis or comprehensive oversight for a specific phase, our flexible approach allows you to choose what works best for your project's needs.

To get started, reach out to schedule a discovery meeting. Our process includes understanding your project's unique goals and challenges, followed by a customized recommendation tailored to your specific requirements.

Key Project Manager Activities

- **Budget and Timeline Monitoring:** Keep track of milestones, deliverables, and spending.
- **Communication Coordination:** Facilitate meetings, advisory board discussions, and team updates.
- **Project Planning:** Develop schedules and funding plans to keep your project on track.
- **Documentation and Reporting:** Maintain thorough project records and assist with sponsor reporting.
- **Project Launch Support:** Help with team setup, leadership roles, and agreement execution.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Act as a liaison between your project, external collaborators, and public.
- **Grant Compliance:** Ensure protocols are in place for compliance and reporting.
- **Additional Support:** Coordinate video content, branding, and key messaging as needed.

Example Project Needs	Project Manager Time	Duration	Commitment
Project launch, hiring new team members, and setting initial infrastructure	20 hours per week	3 months	\$15,000 – \$20,000
Support short-term execution of phase I funding	6 hours per week	6 months	\$8,000 – \$10,000
Convene stakeholders from multiple institutions, monitor and drive project milestones, facilitate sponsor reporting	20 hours per week	24 months	\$115,000 – \$130,000

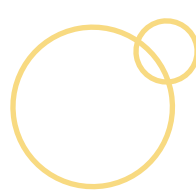
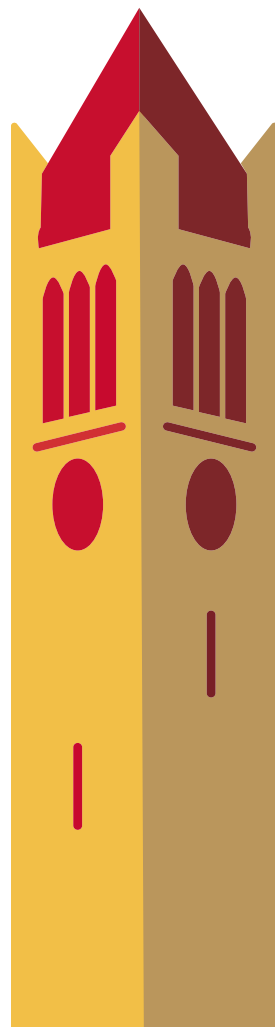
Let Us Help You Focus on Your Research

Get Started



Ideal project candidates will have existing funding to fully or partially support project manager costs and require assistance with execution and timely delivery. Projects involving complex stakeholder communication or needing coordination across departments are excellent candidates for our services.

By partnering with us, you can focus on what you do best—**your research**—while we take care of the rest. Contact us today to discuss how we can support your next project.



Interested faculty and staff can submit an inquiry for support using
our online discovery form (<https://tinyurl.com/ISU-PMdiscovery>)
or reach out to us directly at:

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