Thermo Fisher Invitrogen Supply Center Program

The Thermo Fisher Invitrogen Supply Center Program has been in operation for many years and was the first officially approved research service center at the University. Under the direction of Dr. James Coleman, the research service center’s mission is to provide ECU researchers with fast access to frequently used reagents and supplies at discount prices. The research service center is located in the Biotechnology Building, has in-stock inventory of a variety of Invitrogen research products and offers rapid delivery for all of their catalog items and tissue culture media (typically within 2 days). Many items are discounted substantially from Invitrogen catalog prices and shipping is free.

Dr. Coleman and the research service center staff worked with the Financial Services Cost Analyst to establish rates that are in compliance with federal regulation 2 CFR Part 200. The rates include the actual cost of the supplies, including a $6 shipping charge, and a labor charge for processing the orders. As required, the rates will be reviewed annually and can be provided to users upon request. The main contact is Ms. Lynn Hudson at 252-744-3132.

Training Opportunity

Financial Services provides an excellent training opportunity for those involved in the administration and management of research service centers. The training module “Research Service Centers 101” is located on the Cornerstone Employee Training Portal. It is an informational training module that reviews the Research Service Center Standard Operating Procedures Manual and is presented in five short parts. At the end of each part, there are several review questions. This training module is not graded, therefore there is no pass or fail. You can start, stop, and resume the module at your own pace. Many of your questions or concerns regarding research service centers, compliance, and procedural issues are addressed in the training module.

Link to the Cornerstone Employee Training Portal: https://itcs.ecu.edu/services/training/cornerstone-employee-training-portal/
Meet Our University Controller

Hi,
I am Vincent (Vinnie) Falvo, the Controller for ECU. I am originally from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, (you might have seen the hockey movie “Slap Shot” starring Paul Newman). That is my home town, close to Pittsburgh. I forgot to mention, Johnstown is also famous for floods!

You are probably wondering what is a Controller? Well, this is what I do for ECU…

• I am responsible for the submission of the University's consolidated financial statements to the State's Auditors, and all other financial reports as required by various agencies. I supervise the accounting services manager, along with her staff, are responsible for completing the financial statements and all other general accounting functions, including maintaining internal controls.
• I oversee the disbursing functions via Payroll and Accounts Payable, Student Financial Services (Cashier, Student Loans and Collections and Student Accounting).
• I manage cash compliance and tax staff that insures the timely flow of funds, monitors transactions, and keeps the University in compliance with tax regulations.
• I serve as the liaison between the North Carolina Office of State Controller, the State Treasurer's Office, the University North Carolina System, and the Office of the State Auditor.
• I work closely with financial advisors and underwriters in the issuance of any debt, including updating rating agencies.
• I strive to improve business processes, (watch for our new ChromeRiver disbursement/travel system coming soon)
• I try to involve myself on committees outside of financial services.

Prior to coming to ECU, I was the Associate Controller at Penn State University’s College of Medicine. PSU’s College of Medicine and affiliated hospital had a budget comparable to ECU’s annual budget. I performed many of the duties at PSU that I listed above for ECU, but I also was responsible for research compliance issues, animal facility rates, service center rates, and clinical trial accounting. (PSU’s College of Medicine has about $95 million of sponsored research, with a majority stemming from RO1 NIH grants). The College had its own F&A rate which I had to negotiate with the Office of Naval research.

Why would a Pittsburgh Steeler/Pirate/Penguin fan leave Pennsylvania and move to Eastern North Carolina?
1. It was a time for a change, to be a Controller at an upward moving University.
2. My spouse has family here.
3. Beach, rivers, lakes, fishing, boating, etc.
4. Love the kindness of the people at ECU.
5. No more snow, and an inch or two is not snow.

Let me know how I can help you!

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