**Associate Dean for Research**

The Associate Dean for Research works with the school Leadership to support the research mission of the School of Dentistry by invigorating and sustaining an optimal research and research training environment.

Responsibilities include: 1) serve as the liaison between the University Office of the Vice President for Research and the School of Dentistry; 2) serve as the liaison between the Rackham School of Graduate Studies and the School of Dentistry for research training related policies and guidelines and postdoctoral support; 3) highlight national research initiatives for the Dean and Chairs; 4) assist the Chairs in recruiting outstanding faculty members; 5) advise on resources necessary to maintain an outstanding research and research training infrastructure and culture; 6) identify and explore funding mechanisms to support research and research training; 7) work with other schools and units to explore research collaboration opportunities for the faculty; 8) develop options for research space management. In addition, the Associate Dean is responsible for managing research related regulatory and compliance activities and school-wide training initiatives.

The Associate Dean for Research represents the school on the university Research Associate Dean’s Group, and on other leadership teams and committees related to research and research training.

In accomplishing the Associate Dean’s role, the Office of Research and Research Training manages and supports the School Research Cores, the Grants and Contracts Service Center, the Clinical Research Unit, and the Oral Health Sciences PhD Programs.