

## **UCF Contracts Officer Earns CRA®**

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Felecia Sookhoo, contracts officer in the UCF Research Foundation, has recently earned her Certified Research Administration (CRA®) credentials.

The CRA® is governed by the Research Administrators Certification Council, which is an independent non-profit organization composed of active certified research administrators that certify an individual has the fundamental knowledge necessary to be a professional research or sponsored programs administrator.

Sookhoo, who already has an MBA, passed the CRA® exam in May 2023. She says preparing for the exam took hours of self-studying, attendance in the 10-week CRA study guide, and lots of practice tests.

"Passing this exam not only provides me with a personal satisfaction, but also professional recognition and increased credibility in my field of work," she says. "Plus, I can do more of what I love – research administration."

Sookhoo is one of 17 departmental and central office research administrators at UCF who has achieved this distinction. She will continue her role in the UCF Research Foundation negotiating contracts, including those for industry clinical research, and will serve as lead for award management activities to help faculty researchers.