

Environmental Health and Safety Joins Office of Research Family

The UCF Department of [Environmental Health and Safety](#) (EHS) is now part of the Office of Research and College of Graduate Studies family.

This move is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance our research performance and make the process of conducting research here as smooth as possible.

EHS's mission is to encourage, support, and promote a culture of safety and environmental stewardship across the campus community. The department is responsible for facility safety, workplace safety and training and research and environmental support. The 28 full-time employees in the department are responsible for monitoring more than 1,500 laboratories at UCF, all of which require various degrees of services from EHS to comply with more than 100 laws, rules, and codes from more than 15 federal and state agencies.

Among its duties, EHS is responsible for overseeing the proper use and disposal of materials used in research, which have a direct impact on your work. The move should help ensure procedures are being followed which keep you safe, that inspections of labs are being done in a timely manner and that concerns are quickly addressed.

We are also working on updating policies and procedures to ensure we are meeting all requirements and providing you the best service and training possible so you can safely and effectively conduct your research. I'll be sharing more on that as we complete our work.

So, beginning this month, you will receive reminders about the proper procedures for the purchase, delivery and introduction of materials into your labs. You will also receive reminders about training. I strongly suggest you read these emails and participate in the training being offered. It helps keep you and your colleagues safe and in compliance with federal and state regulations.

If you have any questions about EHS, don't hesitate to contact EHS director Renee Michel.