

## Personal Statement

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I am delighted to submit my statement of interest to serve as the Region VIII representative on the NCURA Board of Directors. Since my introduction to NCURA thirteen years ago, I have valued the contribution the organization makes to the field of research administration both nationally and globally. It would be an honor serving the Region VIII membership and advancing the field of research administration by supporting research together in line with NCURA's strategic vision.

I have worked in research administration since 2004. I currently work at King's College London, where I lead the Pre-Award and Post-Award units. I moved to the UK five years ago from Sweden, where I worked for the Karolinska Institute, a medical research university. Moving countries and staying within the profession, is a great privilege. Both at King's and at Karolinska Institute, I have been involved in global partnerships and am well aware of the challenges and opportunities presented by global research partnerships and collaborations. The value of having a professional network to rely on in your day-to-day job, people to contact and exchanging knowledge with is something I value with NCURA and Region VIII. Therefore, I always encourage staff members and other colleagues to become NCURA members and to seize any available volunteer opportunity - it could truly be a life changing experience!

Throughout my NCURA membership I have been active in many different roles. Among other things, I have served as the Chair for the International Region in both in 2014 and 2016, as the Region VIII representative to the Nomination and Leadership Development Committee, the Select Committee on Global Affairs, the Professional Development Committee and currently as the Region VIII representative on the Board of Directors and Advisory Board member to the Region VIII Executive Committee. In addition, I was the first international co-chair of an Annual Meeting (AM64 in 2022) and have been part of several Annual Meetings Program Committees and Financial Research Administration Conference and Pre-Award Financial Research Administration Conference Program Committees.

I want to conclude this statement with expressing that I deeply believe in the importance of the work carried out by NCURA for our profession and I would feel very honored if I would be chosen to continue to represent Region VIII on the Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eva Björndal