Announcement: As the University of Southern California has grown to become one of the world’s leading private research universities, so too has the need to provide advanced training and support to those involved in the field of research administration. The Department of Contracts and Grants is responsible for assessing and addressing the training needs of all USC employees who work in contract and grant development. We are committed to providing the knowledge, tools, and guidance necessary for the USC research community to successfully carry out their sponsor endeavors.

In light of this commitment, we are proud to announce that the C&G Curriculum will be going digital this winter. All courses will be offered in online modules that can be taken at your own pace, either at home or at the office. This change in medium offers a great number of benefits to the research community here at USC, including:

- 24/7 Course and Quiz Availability
- Automated Course Progression
- iPad and Tablet Compatibility

Registration information will be emailed to all currently enrolled students in the fall and all previously attended courses will be applied towards the Certificate in Research Administration offered by DCG.

**What is the C&G Curriculum?**
The C&G (Cardinal and Gold) Curriculum is a comprehensive training program developed to meet the needs of today’s evolving research environment. Our training program allows participants to: a) develop higher competency, b) increase efficiency, and c) improve compliance according to USC and sponsor requirements. Instructional courses have been designed to foster an interactive learning environment while embracing new technologies and processes. Moreover, the certification program ensures a standard level of expertise among those who support the research endeavor at USC.

**Who Can Benefit from the C&G Curriculum?**
The C&G Curriculum is a valuable resource for administrative or other support staff working at a program, department or dean’s office level. All university employees whose responsibilities bring them in contact with any aspect of contracts and grants will benefit from attendance.

Prospective faculty and staff who wish to learn more about earning certification through DCG can visit the Training for Research Administrators page to view the offered courses, requirements and contact information related to the program.