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**Subject:** Interim Associate Provost for Academic Research Appointed

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Cynthia Crawford, professor of psychology and director of the Office of Research Development, has accepted my offer to serve as interim associate provost for Academic Research. She will begin her one-year appointment on Aug. 17, 2023, and will oversee the Offices of Research Development, Research and Sponsored Programs, Sponsored Programs Administration, Student Research and Research Compliance. (Contract negotiations are underway to appoint an interim dean of Graduate Studies and will be announced in the coming days.)

Dr. Crawford, awarded the prestigious Wang Family Excellence Award in January 2021 by the California State University Board of Trustees, brings a wealth of experience and innovation to the position. She has served as director of the Office of Research Development since its launch in 2018 and previously served as interim associate provost of Academic Research during academic year 2016-17.

An authority in the biomedical neuroscience and psychopharmacology fields and widely known for her scholarly works on addiction, she has published more than 75 papers in several prestigious journals. She has also secured several federal grants totaling more than \$13 million. Virtually all of these grants have supported the success of students. Additionally, she was the first faculty representative ever chosen from a comprehensive public university in the United States to be selected as part of a review panel that approves research grants for the National Institutes of Health.

Please join me in congratulating Cynthia on her new position. I am confident she will be an asset to the Academic Affairs team and our internal and external partners during this transitory period.

Sincerely,  
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