CARA 101

What does CARA mean for research faculty and Baylor University? As we move toward campus training and implementation here’s an overview of the ways CARA will benefit Baylor’s research enterprise:

- **From analog to digital:**
  Baylor research, long housed in a variety of storage locations and methods, will now come under one digital roof. A single system for proposals, budgets, awards, COI disclosures, and other aspects of compliance management will provide faculty and administrators real process transparency.

- **Information access:**
  CARA will greatly reduce the inherent challenges and confusion around communication and data access that are amplified by disconnected systems. Faculty and OVPR alike currently must spend extra time and energy tracking down details about research portfolios. These steps will be greatly reduced in CARA, and will additionally provide notifications when action is needed, streamlining both the communication process and access to information.

- **Faculty-engaged:**
  Since the inception of the CARA project, faculty and research staff have engaged with OVPR in software demos, surveys, information sessions, samples and sneak-peeks to help craft CARA to meet the growing needs of an R1 institution.

- **Multifaceted Training:**
  Baylor faculty are busy—one need only look at the increase in research output to see that. As CARA enables OVPR to support that growth, we’ll be providing a variety of training opportunities later in the summer and into the fall. These training sessions will focus on specific CARA activities that will be most important for faculty to understand as the campus transitions to using a robust research administration system with features capable of serving Baylor’s R1 needs well into the future.

Scan the QR code to learn more, or email carasupport@baylor.edu.
Baylor’s eRA Needs

**Electronic Research Administration** that will create a single point of entry, workflow, and document management for Baylor’s research portfolio.

**Initial Functions:**
- Proposal Development and Routing, including Budgeting
- Subaward and Subcontract Generation and Tracking
- Award receipt and establishment of funded status

**Future Systems State**
- CARA
- CARA
- CARA to Ignite
- Various/Ignite
- CARA/Ignite

**Pre-CARA**

**Current Systems State**
- Various: Box/Email/Adobe Excel/Sponsor Portal
- Various
- Various/Ignite
- Various/Ignite
- Various/Ignite

**With CARA**

**Future Systems State**
- CARA
- CARA
- CARA to Ignite
- Various/Ignite
- CARA/Ignite