

# The Informationist

# The Value of the Informationist

- Acquires Information to Support Research
- Suggests Potential Information Components in Research
- Identifies Funding Sources
- Assists in Grant Preparation
- Manages Research Information
- Collaborates in Research Publications

# Informationist Expertise

- Generic Library and Information Skills
- Vocabulary of the Discipline
- Speaking the Language of Research
  - Types and Formats of Grants
  - Study Sections
  - Statistics
  - Institutional Grant Processes [IRB, etc.]

# Funding the Informationist

- Joint Appointment in the Library
- Multiple Department Support
- Funded Investigator on Grants
- Entrepreneurial Activities
  - Marketing Information Systems
  - Consulting

# Informationist in Medical School

## ● Recruiting

- Librarian with Research Experience
- Researcher with Information Experience

## ● Reporting Structure

- Dependent Upon Funding Model

## ● Evaluation – Academic

- Ability to Generate Research Support
- Publications

# Critical Elements for Acceptance

- Academic Credentials
- Record of Funding
- Fit within the Research Culture
  - Long Hours
  - Scheduling Flexibility
  - Teamwork
- Publications and Presentations
- Participation on Study Sections

# Barriers to Implementation

- Money
- Recruitment/Availability of Trained Informationists
- Money
- Acceptance of Informationist by Other Researchers
- Money

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A Good Idea for Research

