

2023 Summer ACE Award Winner

(Acknowledging Commitment & Excellence)



Michele Hudak

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Michele was selected as the winner for the ACE Award and here are the reasons why:

- Michele stepped in to help carry the load and cover for an open position within the department for 6+ months. She also covered for a colleague while on leave, taking on all final and higher-level responsibilities. Michele not only did an amazing job, but also saw the things she had started through even after they returned.
- Michele found time to prepare a *Grant Manager Handbook* of all key information a grant manager would need to know to assist them in their day-to-day job; it has been a much-needed handbook for years. Michele also shared it with other departments to help them have a starting point. Her efforts went beyond not only of improving and supporting the department, but also for others across the school.
- Michele developed and presented a training session on how grant managers can best work with their principal investigators. Leadership was so encouraged by this that they asked her to continue to work on it with the Center for Training and Development to create an online training. It has been rolled out across the school and is now a mandatory training for all grants and finance staff.
- Michele not only excels as a manager and research administrator, but also as a Harvard employee who exemplifies values of inclusiveness, community, and responsibility.