

Isabelle Girard is the Director of the Research Core Facilities Program in the Office of Research at UC Davis and is dedicated to the research, teaching and outreach missions of public universities. She applies her research experience in physiology, broad experience in research services, success in project management across disciplines, and strong competency in financial management and strategic planning, and brings a compelling enthusiasm for process improvement and research support. Isabelle works with stakeholders to achieve important goals for the UC Davis research enterprise of over 80 cores: to establish a sustainable framework for investments in shared research facilities; to provide supportive and responsive evaluations of cores; to implement proactive, transparent and equitable approaches to strategic support decisions; to develop the electronic infrastructure to inventory, access, and market cores for internal and external researchers. Prior to joining UC Davis in 2020, Isabelle served as the inaugural Director of the Office of Campus Research Cores in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education at UW-Madison. In a period of a few short years, the Campus Research Cores team transformed the research landscape from a decentralized and disorganized shared resource collection lacking in definition, structure, and trust, to a well-defined collaborative community of over 100 identified cores with high standards of practice, support for sustainability planning, and a strong network of connection between cores and research groups, compliance units, and key campus stakeholders. Isabelle also served as a core director, research scientist, and faculty member with training in physiology and behavioral ecology (PhD, UCLA).