Mary Heath has been promoted to Senior Assistant Dean for Research Administration, Core Facilities, and Strategic Initiatives. In addition to holding a bachelor's degree from Brown University in Biomedical Engineering and an MBA from Simmons College Graduate School of Management, Mary has earned both a Charted Financial Analysts and a Certified Research Administrator designation. She came to Vanderbilt in 2013 with a wealth of experience from her prior work as CFO of Applied Value Corporation, Associate Director for Grants and Contracts Management of the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, and Department Administrator for the Department of Cancer Immunology and AIDS of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. At Vanderbilt, Mary has been an integral part of the team that reorganized the administrative structure of the School of Medicine, creating the Pods that we use today. Subsequently, she led her team through the separation of the University from the Medical Center, a process that created a fundamentally new administrative environment for the School of Medicine. Currently, she is working to complete the transition to SkyVU, which represents a dramatic change in the way we support our research and educational enterprise. Throughout her time at Vanderbilt, Mary has led her team in all administrative aspects of managing discovery science through complex school and institutional changes. In her new role, she will also work with the Dean's Office to identify strategic initiatives and ensure that they are successfully executed.