

# DATA WONKS COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

## CAREER PANEL BIO

Name: Nicholas Tincher

Job Title: Chief Information Officer

Department/School: Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education

Major Job Responsibilities:

- Advise and represent OVCRGE and Graduate School leadership teams with respect to information technology and cyberinfrastructure to support research and graduate education missions of UW-Madison
- Lead strategic and operational initiatives with a team of 15 direct reports
- Serve on advisory and shared governance groups pertaining to information technology, research, human resources, and administration.

Short Biography (Two Paragraphs Max.):

Nick's first role on campus was as a student software developer responsible for developing front-end interfaces to Access databases in the Athletic Department. Always interested in using technology for good (but understanding how one could use it for evil), he has been a network administrator, systems administrator, database administrator, and software developer before moving into technology leadership in OVCRGE five years ago. He has developed tools and systems for creating single sources of truth in order to make better use of data, and led campus-wide initiatives such as the Graduate Student Tracking System, PI Portal, and IT Spend exercise.

Nick is a music enthusiast, enjoys playing guitar, and attends as many live music shows as possible with his wife Alyson. They have two daughters, ages 8 and 4.

What do you love most about data?

Its power in informing, influencing, and being a decisive force in decision making.