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In 2006, Teri A. Grieb, Ph.D., left her job working in research and development for global biotechnology company MedImmune, Inc., and moved back to Michigan to be closer to family. Before she departed, however, her director said, "You should join tech transfer at U-M.”

Her reaction? "What is tech transfer?” she recalls. But, after settling in back home, she decided to investigate tech transfer further and found a job posting that closed the very next day. "I applied, and here I am,” says Grieb, who joined the Office of Technology Transfer and Medical School through a joint appointment later that year.

A decade later, Grieb not only knows the tech transfer process well; she also excels at it as part of her current roles of senior director for research in the Medical School and director of strategy for the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR). A faculty member who wrote a letter supporting Grieb for the Administrator of the Year Award says she has an encyclopedic knowledge of the Medical School, its research enterprise, and its integration with federal and institutional research missions.

Grieb was a key architect of the Medical School’s Strategic Research Plan, Fast Forward to Tomorrow’s Cures, and has aided in the launch of the UMMS Biorepository, R01 Bootcamp, Fast Forward Medical Innovation, a re-invigoration of the research core infrastructure, establishment of the Honest Broker Office and improvements in the Institutional Review Board. She also has led efforts to spark clinical trials research at the U-M.

"Working in an amazingly rich environment like the Medical School, there are a myriad of experiences that stand out: from the early days working closely with our faculty — many of whom are world experts in their field — to explore commercializing their research; to supporting two Clinical and Translational Science Awards renewals; and, most recently, helping lead developing the business case to transform the clinical trials enterprise,” she says. “I want to have an impact and the research mission affords a remarkable substrate for making a difference.”

Grieb excels at building bridges, initiating change and facilitating progress. She does so through a unique blend of intelligence, quantitative skill, organizational prowess and a positive personality. Colleagues acknowledge her laser focus on team building and development — one of the things she likes best about her position. “To quote Bo Schembechler, it is about ‘The Team, The Team, The Team,”’ she says.

“Teri possesses a passion to excel, deliver and operationalize activities that will make a positive difference to her staff, the Medical School, the University and research groups across the country and world.”

— Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D., senior associate dean for research, Medical School, and the Endowed Professor in Pathology Research