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Kurt leads a highly skilled, multidisciplinary team that oversees the research institute's business operations. Guiding a core of contract specialists who complete about 200 agreements annually, Kurt ensures the research enterprise remains sustainable and solvent. He also oversees Research Analytics and the Biorepository Specimen Resource Center, specialized services that drive research with high quality data extraction and programming, and specimen collection and utilization.

In addition, Kurt administers the system's Intellectual Property Policy to protect and commercialize caregiver innovations. His years of entrepreneurial and strategic business experience, coupled with his knowledge of research operations, health care and intellectual property management and commercialization, help catalyze innovation, leading to new opportunities and improved operations that impact patient care and population health while spurring the local economy.

Working with industry, academia and dozens of high-impact startups, he has aided hundreds of physicians, scientist and inventors with new ideas, licensed dozens of technologies, facilitated over \$20 million in grant and equity financing for small businesses, and started two companies. He is a co-founder of AeroInnovate, an innovation hub and ecosystem for aviation entrepreneurs, investors and manufacturers from across the world to connect, share ideas, educate, invest, start businesses and collaborate, leveraging the world-renowned Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture™ Oshkosh.