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Who are your peeps?

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Whether we are with our biological family or our work family, it is a community. The rapid changes we experience are sometimes more difficult than others. Research compliance cannot be done in a silo or alone, which is why you need to develop personal and professional relationships in your role. Managing those relationships is important to your success—if not a priority. Attending in-person conferences, such as the Compliance Institute, the Research Compliance Conference, or the Research Compliance Academy, can help you build stronger relationships. I call this group of people my “peeps.” Merriam-Webster’s definition is “often used to refer informally to the group of people who are someone’s friends, colleagues, followers, family members.” My research peeps are essential in my work, and throughout my career, there have been peeps who were important to my success.

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