

Stanford

Shannon Winters

Director of Finance and Administration, Stanford Introductory Studies Operations

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In 2012, Shannon Winters made the move from Seattle to California to pursue her master's degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering at Stanford University. Her time as a student at Stanford inspired her to embark on a career in higher education administration. She worked in Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies and Stanford Continuing Studies before moving to Stanford Introductory Studies in 2018.

Shannon serves as the Director of Finance and Administration in Stanford Introductory Studies (SIS). In her role, she provides management of financial, administrative and operations-related functions for the SIS programs (COLLEGE, SLE, ITALIC, Introductory Seminars, Education as Self-Fashioning, Arts Intensive, and Sophomore College). In collaboration with the faculty director and senior staff of the programs, she is responsible for budget development and management of financial transactions as well as leadership of administrative functions including financial resources, personnel, and facilities. She advises on HR policies related to student hiring, administrative hiring, and faculty and lecturer affairs. She is also the key liaison with VPO / HR on matters involving both administrative and academic staff.

Beyond her role at SIS, Shannon actively serves as a co-chair for the staff group Team for Improving Productivity at Stanford (TIPS). Collaborating with administrators from various schools and business units, she is passionate about identifying and resolving inefficiencies within the university. If you are tackling similar improvement projects within your department or school, Shannon welcomes you to connect and exchange ideas.

Outside of work, Shannon enjoys working on woodworking projects, going to the beach, and spending time outside with her husband and four daughters. She looks forward to her visits "home" to the Pacific Northwest where she can go fishing, crabbing, and wake surfing.

CURRENT ROLE AT STANFORD

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