NCURA
Region IV
Spring Meeting
2024
Ann Arbor, MI

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Sunday, April 28 - Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Reserve your hotel: The Kensington Hotel

Draft Agenda
(full program expected mid-February)

Keynote Speaker *– Dr. LeShawndra Price, National Institutes of Health*

8 Tracks (Departmental, Pre-Award, Post-Award/Financial, Compliance, Data Metrics & AI, PUI/Research Development, Federal, and Human Capital)

54 *Sessions*

Spark & Poster Sessions

Networking Opportunities

And Much, Much More!

Draft Schedule-At-A-Glance

Saturday, April 27	
8:30am – 5:00pm	**Research Administrators Certification Council (RACC) Body of Knowledge Review Session – Separate Registration Required**
Sunday, April 28	
7:30am – 5:00pm	**Registration Desk Open**
8:30am – 4:30pm	**Workshops - Separate Registration Required**
12:00pm – 1:15pm	**Workshop Attendee Luncheon**
5:00pm – 6:00pm	**Welcome Reception**
9:00pm – 11:00pm	**Hospitality Suite**
Monday, April 29	
7:30am – 5:00pm	**Registration Desk Open / Exhibits**
7:45am – 8:45am	**Continental Breakfast & Breakfast Roundtable Discussions**
9:00am – 10:15am	**Opening Remarks, Keynote Address, & Networking Event**
10:30am – 11:45am	**Monday Morning Session #1**
11:45am – 1:00pm	**Awards and Recognition Lunch**
1:00pm - 2:00pm	**Monday Afternoon Session #2**
2:15pm – 3:15pm	**Monday Afternoon Session #3**
3:30pm – 4:30pm	**Monday Afternoon Session #4**
5:00pm – 6:00pm	**Newcomers Reception**
6:00pm – 9:00pm	**Monday Night Dinner Groups**
9:00pm – 11:00pm	**Hospitality Suite**
Tuesday, April 30	
7:30am – 5:00pm	**Registration Desk Open / Exhibits**
7:45am – 8:45am	**Continental Breakfast & Breakfast Roundtable Discussions**
9:00am – 10:15am	**Tuesday Morning Session #5**
10:30am – 11:45am	**Tuesday Morning Session #6**
11:45am – 1:00pm	**Luncheon**
1:00pm – 2:00pm	**Tuesday Afternoon Session #7**
2:15pm - 3:15pm	**Poster Session & Spark Sessions**
3:30pm – 4:30pm	**Tuesday Afternoon Session #8**
7:00pm – 9:30pm	**Tuesday Night (Off-Site) Event**
9:00pm – 11:00pm	**Hospitality Suite**
Wednesday, May 1	
7:30am – 10am	**Registration Desk Open**
7:45am – 9:00am	**Breakfast**
8:15am – 9:00am	**Region IV Business Meeting**
9:15am – 10:15am	**Wednesday Morning Session #9**
10:45am – Noon	**Closing Sessions #10**
12:00pm	**Meeting Adjourn! Thank you & Safe Travels**

Draft Concurrent & Discussion Group Presentation Titles
(full program expected mid-February)

Pre-Award Administration	Post-Award Administration	Departmental
Demystifying T32 Data Tables: How to prepare for T32 submissions without losing your cool	Relationship Building Through Financial Reporting	Building Blocks in Research Administration
Moving to the Dark Side (not really), Transitioning from Post-Award to Pre-Award	An Invitation to Effective Post-Award Management	Growing Our Own: Preparing the Next Generation of Research Administrators through Focused Training and Experiences
Navigating Complex Budget Requirements for Task-Based and Cost-Share Budgets	Centralized Post Award: A Case Study	Internal Award Programs - What to Know!
Federal	The Mysterious World of Cost Sharing!	Research Administration in Pop Culture
COGR Updates	Federal vs Non-Federal Post Award Management	Sharing ideas for managing a multi-faceted departmental portfolio
NIH		We're all in it together....aren't we? Working with other institutional groups in research
NIH OPERA Updates		
NSF Updates		Working Together to Manage Awards with Participant Support Costs
Things All RAs Should Know		
Uniform Guidance 2 CFR Edition – Proposed Revisions		

PUI & Research Development	Compliance	Data Metrics & AI
Advancing the Scholarship of Research at a PUI	Conflicts of Interest - Policies, Processes, and Ways to Help	Artificial Intelligence 101 (Research Administration Edition)
Creating a Training Program to Fit Your Institution	Drafting and Negotiating Data Use Agreements	DATA: Trying to Untangle and Making Sense of It? Yes, it's possible!
Crossing the Divide: Building an Impactful Research Administration Collaboration With Intentionality	Research Security	Digital Double-Edged Sword: Artificial Intelligence for the Research Administrator
Effective Monitoring of Policies and Procedures at PUIs	Research Integrity	Light at the end of the tunnel: 3 years into WorkDay
Grant Growth Strategies: How to Assist Faculty Who Are Balancing Teaching & Research	Subrecipient Monitoring at the Central Level	Using Email as a Time Management Tool
Navigating the Budget: Don't be Afraid -- Embrace the Experience!	What Exactly Are We Doing Here??? Determining the purpose of Sponsored agreements and the impact on the single audit and HERD survey	
	Working with Tech Transfer: Negotiating IP clauses and the downstream effect	

Human Capital

Boosting Proficiency: Effective Approaches for Novice Research Administrators

Implicit Bias and Microaggressions in Midwest Culture: How Research Administrators can identify and aid in advancing JEDI in higher education and research

Imposter Syndrome in Research Administration

Professional Growth through Feedback on your RA Team

Research Administration Career Path (RACP) Pilot Project Updates

Student Power: Unleashing the Potential of Graduate Assistants

Full Workshop Titles and Presenters
All workshops are on Sunday, April 28 – Registration Required
(Please refer to the workshop number for Registration)

Workshops
1. *Introduction to Research Administration* (AM Workshop)
2. *Pre-Award Basics* (PM Workshop)
3. *Post-Award Basics* (PM Workshop)
4. *Into and Pre-Award Basics* (Full-day Workshop)
5. *Intro and Post-Award Basics* (Full-day Workshop)
6. *Departmental Research Administration 101* (AM Workshop)
7. *The NIH Grant Cycle: An Overview from RFA through Closeout* (PM Workshop)
8. *Inspire Action: Mentoring and Strategic Leadership – Leveraging Cross-Institutional Collaborations* (AM Workshop)
9. *An Introduction to Industry Contracting* (PM Workshop)
10. *Effective Presentations* – FREE for attendees! (AM Workshop)

Workshop Information

For Workshop descriptions and more information, visit the NCURA Region IV Program and Events site

Workshops 1-5   **Skill Level:** Basic
Introduction to Research Administration
One body of information, five ways to learn! Pick your optimal learning track.
   WS #1 (AM only): Introduction to Research Administration
   WS #2 (PM only): Pre-Award Basics
   WS #3 (PM only): Post-Award Basics
   WS #4 (Full day): Intro & Pre-Award Basics (combination of WS #1 and WS #2)
   WS #5 (Full day): Intro & Post-Award Basics (combination of WS #1 and WS #3)

Presenters:
Katherine Durben, MSW Workshop 1, 2, and 4)
Executive Director, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Marquette University

Diane Hillebrand, CRA (Workshop 2 and 4 in the afternoon)
Assistant Director, Research & Sponsored Program Development
University of North Dakota

Heather Offhaus (Workshop 1, 3, and 5)
Director, Grant Services Review & Analysis Office University of Michigan Medical School

Shannon M. Sutton, MBA, CPA (Workshop 1, 3, and 5)
Director of Sponsored Projects Western Illinois University

Roger Wareham (Workshop 1 and 4 in the morning)
Director, Office of Grants & Research
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Workshop 6   **Skill Level:** Basic
Departmental Research Administration 101
Presenters:
Glenda Bullock
Director of Research and Business Administration
Washington University in St. Louis

Zach Smith
Research Administrator Supervisor
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Workshop 7   **Skill Level:** Intermediate
The NIH Grant Cycle: An Overview from RFA through Closeout
Presenters:
Bill Courtney
Director of Research Development and Administration – Arts & Sciences
Washington University in St. Louis

Kimberly Smith
Subaward Contract and Compliance Manager
Oregon State University

Workshop 8   **Skill-level:** Basic
Inspire Action: Mentoring and Strategic Leadership – Leveraging Cross-Institutional Collaborations
Presenters:
Kathryn Wrench
Director, Sponsored Research & Institutional Grants
Lawrence Technological University

Sandra Justice
Director, USF Research and Innovation
University of South Florida

Workshop 9   **Skill-level:** Basic
An Introduction to Industry Contracting
Presenters:
Robert Gratzl, JD
Assistant Director of Contracts
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ben Tiller
Grants and Contracts Director
University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health

Workshop 10   **Skill-level:** Basic
Effective Presentations
Presenters:
Diane Hillebrand, CRA
Assistant Director, Research & Sponsored Program Development
University of North Dakota

Jim Maus
Senior Grants Specialist, Neuroscience Core
Washington University in St. Louis