

Introduction to the US Funding Environment

Hilton Hotel and Conference Centre, Blackpool



A joint ARMA - NCURA event

Monday 9 June

09.15 – 09.45	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
09.45 – 10:15	<p>Welcome and Scene-Setting <i>Dr Stephen Conway, Senior Assistant Registrar, Social Sciences Division, University of Oxford; Director of Training & Development, ARMA</i></p> <p>Funding from international sources has become an increasingly important part of the research funding portfolio of UK institutions – and many institutions are targeting further growth as they seek to diversify their funding profile. Funding from US sources, notably federal agencies, has been a particularly significant feature of this growth. This session will provide a brief overview of some of trends in internationalisation of funding seen in the UK and a case study of how one institution has sought to enhance the support it provides to researchers seeking funding from US federal sources.</p>
10.15 – 11:25	<p>US Federal Funding from the Institution's Perspective (1) – applying for funding <i>Patricia Hawk, Director of Sponsored Programs, Oregon State University</i> <i>Vivian Holmes, Director of Sponsored Research Operations, The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard; President, NCURA</i></p> <p>This section of the programme will begin with a discussion of the award lifecycle and some brief background on both the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Other topics to be discussed include: how to look for funding announcements, how to read and interpret the funding announcements, how to “construct” a proposal, “peer review and scoring”, and best practices for successful proposal submission.</p>
11.25 – 11:45	<i>Tea & Coffee</i>
11.45 – 13:00	<p>US Federal Funding from the Institution's Perspective (2) – managing awards <i>Patricia Hawk & Vivian Holmes</i></p> <p>This section of the programme will discuss the award management phase of an award from NSF and NIH. Topics to be discussed are award set up, monitoring of expenses, technical reporting, financial reporting, closeouts and best practices for successful award management.</p>
13.00 – 13:45	<i>Lunch</i>
13.45 – 15:15	<p>Funder Sessions <i>Marcia Hahn, Director of Division of Grants Policy, National Institutes of Health</i> <i>Jean Feldman, Head of Policy Office, National Science Foundation</i></p> <p>Senior colleagues from two of the largest US funding agencies, the NIH and the NSF, will join the event by videoconference. They will bring further insight of the US funding landscape, the strategic priorities of their agencies, their major funding schemes and how international organisations can access them, as well as hints and tips on how to prepare successful application and manage awards.</p>
15.15 – 15:30	<i>Tea & Coffee</i>

15.30 – 16:10	Case Studies Patricia Hawk & Vivian Holmes Participants will put their knowledge gained to practice in this segment. A funding opportunity announcement from each agency will be provided, and participants will learn to outline the requirements for proposal submission, and items to consider for award management.
16.10 – 16:15	Concluding Remarks & Evaluation
16.15	Close

