Eurasia Foundation (EF) is pleased to invite you, representatives of your university’s staff and faculty, and any interested students from your university to take part in a webinar training series on best practices in research administration.

From March 16-April 13, a cohort of leading American experts in the field of research administration will conduct five webinars on the following topics:

1. Proposal Development;
2. Funding Opportunity Databases;
3. Award Negotiations
4. Award Management;
5. Institutional Policies;

The table below provides information about the date and time of each webinar, along with information about the presenters:

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| **Schedule** | **Topic** | **Presenter** | **Learning Objectives** |
| Thursday, March 16, 8:00 AM, EST | Proposal Development | **Shandra White** Director of Research Enhancement and Sponsored Projects, The George Washington University | 1. Understand the necessary skills and support for  preparing and submitting responsive proposals for external funding  2. How to develop a complete and compliant proposal  3. Managing the proposal development process |
| Thursday, March 23, 8:00 AM, EST | Funding Opportunity Databases | **Tricia Callahan**  Director of Proposal Development, Miami University | 1. Describe key components of a funding opportunity announcement  2. Locate various sources for finding announcements  3. Identify special considerations when searching for funding announcements  4. Search for announcements using standard search terms and operators |
| Thursday, March 30, 8:00 AM, EST | Award Negotiations | **Robin Riglin** Senior Associate Director of Sponsored Programs | 1. Learn what terms and conditions are acceptable and unacceptable for educational institutions performing sponsored research.  2. Learn about the differences in negotiating grants vs. contracts.  3. Learn about dealing with different types of sponsors (e.g., Government, vs. Industry).  4. Learn successful negotiation techniques and arguments. |
| Thursday, April 6, 8:00 AM, EST | Award Management | **Robert Andresen**  Director of Research Financial Services, University of Wisconsin - Madison | 1. Participants will learn the necessary duties of good award management of an external grant or contract.  2. Participants will learn the importance of institutional roles, responsibilities and policies to manage external grants and contracts.  3. The workshop will demonstrate the need for planning in the proposal and negotiation stages of a grant or contract to ensure successful award management. |
| Thursday, April 13, 8:00 AM, EST | Institutional Policies | **Panda Powell**  Director of Sponsored Programs, University of North Carolina Wilmington | 1. Participants will acquire an understanding of policy needs as related to university research enterprise.  2. Participants will gain exposure to types of policies required by external funding organizations/agencies.  3. Participants will have a basic understanding of the elements of a policy and distinguish between a policy and a procedure. |



**Shandra White** is the Director of Sponsored Projects and Research Enhancement for The George Washington University. As Director of Sponsored Projects, Ms. White leads, designs and implements research administration, operations and development, pre-award, contracting and post-award, including research enhancement to continue furtherance of GW’s strategic research initiatives and individual researcher aspirations and grantsmanship. Ms. White’s professional experience spans nearly 20 combined years in federal and private grants and contracts management and university research administration. Her grants and contracting experience includes positions with the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, The Public Welfare Foundation, and George Mason University. Ms. White is an active member in research administration and development associations (SRA, NCURA, NORDP) and serves as the university’s administrative lead for the Federal Demonstration Project.

Ms. White received her BS in Business with a concentration in Human Resource Management from Regent University.

**Tricia Callahan** is the Director for Proposal Development at Miami University in Oxford, OH. As such, she oversees all grant-related training activities, pre- and post-award, for the faculty, staff, and students at her institution. Ms. Callahan has been an active member of the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) since 1999, just one year after beginning her career in research administration at the University of Louisville. She regularly serves as a presenter, co-presenter, and discussion group leader at both the regional and national levels. In March, 2005, she co-presented a webcast on “Effective Proposal Development for Faculty and Staff at Smaller Institutions” with colleagues from Western Kentucky University and Middle Tennessee State University and has given several dozen workshops and presentations for NCURA, SRA (Society for Research Administrators), and the GRC (Grants Resource Center). Recently, she was co-chair of the NCURA PRA (Pre-award Research Administration) meeting in San Francisco, CA and took part in the NCURA 2016 Executive Leadership Program (ELP). Additionally, Ms. Callahan is currently serving on the NCURA Peer Review Council, is a traveling workshop faculty for NCURA's Fundamentals, and is a 2015 Global Initiatives Fellow.

Ms. Callahan graduated from Miami University with a BA in psychology and received an MA in experimental psychology from the University of Louisville.

**Robert Andresen** is the former President of NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators). He has presented sessions at regional, national, and international meetings on a wide variety of research administration topics. He is also the Director of Research Financial Services at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He and his staff are responsible for all areas of financial and non-financial post-award administration at one of the world’s largest research universities (US$1.1 billion in annual R&D expenditures). In addition, he and his staff are involved in the development and negotiation of the University’s F&A and fringe benefit rates.

Mr. Andresen received both a Bachelor and a Master Degree in Business Administration from University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Robin Riglin** is the Senior Associate Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs at the Pennsylvania State University, a top 20 research institution. She has over twenty years’ experience in Contract and Research Administration, having spent ten years working as a Contract and Subcontract Administrator for private industry, and over ten years as a University Research Administrator. She has taught both Basic and Advanced FAR Workshops at the NCURA Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. In 2015, Ms. Riglin spent two weeks in China as a recipient of the NCURA Global Fellowship.

Ms. Riglin holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh and a J.D. from the William and Mary Law School. Prior to entering the field of contract and research administration, Ms. Riglin practiced law for several years.

**Panda Powell**is celebrating 31 years in research administration in 2016. She has been Director of Sponsored Programs and Research Compliance (SPARC) at University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) for the past six years. Prior to coming to UNCW, her career had encompassed university, state, private, non-profits as well as consulting work. Well versed in federal guidance including the new Uniform Guidance, she has extensive knowledge of research administration including proposal development, budgeting and cost accounting standards and has presented at UNCW, local, state, regional and national Research Administration conferences as well as acted as National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) Peer Reviewer.

Ms. Powell received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Kentucky and her Master’s in Business Administration from University of Phoenix. She obtained her CRA (Certified Research Administrator) in June 2005.

**Logistical Information:** The webinars will be conducted in English. Simultaneous Russian interpretation will be provided. Each webinar will last one hour.

Attendees of the series will receive electronic certificates of participation (one certificate per each webinar). If you successfully attend all five webinars, in addition to certificates, the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) will provide you with 0.5 Continuing Education Credits.

**In order to take part in the webinar, you must fill out the registration form found at** [**this link**](http://usrussiacivilsociety.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8afbaf16110b57df3a169988c&id=deff9fca64&e=ec6f9b9b1a)<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekwbnuclNHMP04g70CEx9w-r53txuhG48fvQb9mUy1ysxEGA/viewform?c=0&w=1>

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