



Wisconsin Research Administrators Network (WiRAN) Symposium

DRAFT Agenda

Location: **Glacier Canyon Lodge at the
Wilderness Resort**

December 5, 2022

11:00am to 12:00pm	Registration/Check-In
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch Sponsored by University of Wisconsin System
Wilderness 3,6	
1:00pm-1:15pm	Welcome to WiRAN 2022
Wilderness 2,5	Johannes Britz - Sr. Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
1:15pm-2:00pm	State & Federal funding agencies panel
Wilderness 2, 5	Program officers from State & Federal agencies share their knowledge of working with research organizations and partners Moderator: Jeff Buhandt - Vice President for University Relations, University of Wisconsin-System Speakers: Todd Strother - Senior Technology Consultant, Wisconsin Center for Technology Commercialization Allison Steil - Director for Federal Relations, University of Wisconsin System Kathy Divine - Director for State Relations, University of Wisconsin System Julie Lassa, Wisconsin State Director, USDA Kristin Peterson - Business & Cooperative Programs Director, Rural Development, USDA
2:15pm-3:00pm	Working with your Foundation panel
Wilderness 2, 5	Working with your foundation to build your research enterprise

Moderator: James Huycke - Grants Coordinator, Moraine Park Technical College

Speakers:

Katie Kuznacic - Interim Vice Chancellor of University Relations, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Hannah Wallisch - Director of Development, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Kimera Way - CEO, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Foundation

2:15pm-3:00pm

Wilderness 1, 4

Research-Collaborating Across the State

Building a collaboration between institutions and how we can do more

Moderator: Molly Van Wagner - Director, Research & Grants, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

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Tayna Wasmer - VP of Strategy & Outreach, Lakeshore Technical College

3:15pm-4:00pm

Wilderness 2, 5

Foundation Panel

Working with private foundations to support your research

Moderator: Ranelle Graber - Grants Analyst, The Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.

Speakers:

Arvind Gopalratnam - Executive Director, Milwaukee Bucks Foundation

Sarah Driscoll - Philanthropic Coordinator, Ice Age Trail Alliance

3:15pm-4:00pm

Wilderness 1, 4

New to Research Administration-Its Greek to Me

Roles (clarify with PIs), lingo, compliance, onboarding, recruiting

Moderator: Gina Jahn - Manager of Research Development, WiSys

Speakers:

Becky Mueller - Associate Director, Research & Sponsored Programs, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Julie Dresen - Director Grants & Special Projects, Madison College

Melissa Nielsen - Director, Research & Sponsored Programs, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

4:15pm-5:00pm

Wilderness 2, 5

Partnering with Principal Investigators Panel

Navigating and building your Principal Investigator relationships

Moderator:

Speakers:

Becky Mueller - Associate Director, Research & Sponsored Programs, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Roger Yin - Professor, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

4:15pm-5:00pm

Wilderness 1, 4

Frontiers of BioHealth In Wisconsin

Brief description coming

Moderator: Carl Fox

Speakers: Lisa Johnson - CEO, BioForward Wisconsin

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Networking Reception Sponsored by WiSys

6:15pm

Dinner groups gather in lobby

Restaurants to be determined

December 6, 2022

8:00am-9:00am

Breakfast Sponsored by Grant Resource Center

9:00am-9:45am

Grant Resource Center-Overview of Capabilities & Services

9:45am-10:00am

Break

10:00am-10:45am

Cost Share Tracking

Session A

Best practices on how to handle cost share

Presenter:

10:00am-10:45am

Principal Investigator Training Discussion

Session B

Best practices and lessons learned

Speakers: Becky Mueller - Associate Director, Research & Sponsored Programs, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Lori Trimble - Grant Officer, Research & Sponsored Programs,
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

10:00am-10:45am

Session C

Role of Research Offices in Workforce & Economic Development

Developing strategic partnerships

Moderator: Elizabeth Thelen

Speakers:

Susan Koehn - Vice President of Talent and Industry
Relationships, MMAC/M7

Laura Schmidt - Chief Talent Development Officer, Milwaukee
Tech Hub Coalition

Carmel Ruffalo - Associate Vice President for Corporate
Engagement, Marquette University

Mike Carney - Interim Assistant Chancellor for Strategic
Partnerships and Program Development, University of
Wisconsin-Eau Claire

11:00am-11:45am

Session A

Grant Audits

Preparing for an audit

Presenter:

11:00am-11:45am

Session B

Handling of SBIR grants at your institution

A discussion group to problem solve principal investigators who
receive SBIR grants and the effects it has on campus positions.

Presenter: Todd Strother-Senior Technology Consultant,
Wisconsin Center for Commercialization

11:00am-11:45am

Session C

Economic Development Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

Brief description coming

Speakers:

Melissa Meschke - Economic Development Outreach Manager,
University of Wisconsin System Institute for Business &
Entrepreneurship

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lunch

1:00pm-1:45pm

Hot Topics Pre-award

Session A

Speakers: Ranelle Graber - Grants Analyst, The Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.

1:00pm-1:45pm

Hot Topics Post-award

Session B

Speakers:

Angie Johnson - Interim Associate Director, Research and Financial Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dorothy Johnson - University of Wisconsin-Madison

1:00pm-1:45pm

Research Compliance - Hot Topics

Session C

Speakers: Donna Kempf - Research Compliance Officer, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

2:00pm-3:00pm
