# 2020 STAR Conference: Guiding Success

February 19, 2020  
Myhal Centre for Engineering Innovation & Entrepreneurship, 55 St. George Street

## PROGRAM

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<td>8:30 - 9:00 am</td>
<td><strong>Registration</strong> (Coffee, tea, &amp; water available)</td>
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| 9:00 - 9:20 am | **Opening Remarks**  
Professor Vivek Goel, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives | Myhal 150         |
| 9:20 – 9:40 am | **Networking Session #1**                                           | Myhal 150         |
Renee Brost, Chief Administrative Officer, Division of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation (VPRI)  
Drew Gyorke, Director, Agency & Foundation Funding, VPRI  
Peter Schwarz-Lam, Business Process Integration Manager, VPRI | Myhal 150         |
| 10:35 - 10:50 am | **Break** (Coffee, tea, water & light snack available)               | Myhal Atrium      |
| 10:50 am – 12:00 pm | **Workshop on Applying the Principles in the Tri-Agency Guide on Financial Administration (TAGFA)**  
Peter Schwarz-Lam, Business Process Integration Manager, VPRI | Myhal 150         |
| 12:00 - 1:00 pm | **Lunch** (Complimentary lunch)                                      | Myhal Atrium      |
| 1:00 - 2:00 pm | **Breakout Sessions*** (see reverse for descriptions)  
B1. At Your Service: Navigating the Service Agreement World at U of T  
B2. Research Procurement  
B3. Power Up with FIS & RIS! | Myhal 360, Myhal 380, Myhal 150 |
| 2:00 - 2:15 pm | **Break** (Coffee, tea, & water available)                           | Myhal Atrium      |
| 2:15 - 2:45 pm | **Networking Session #2**                                           | Myhal 150         |
| 2:45 - 3:15 pm | **Internal Audit Update**                                           | Myhal 150         |  
Jeff McIlravey, Manager, Internal Audit  
Lusine Amirkhanyan, Senior Auditor, Internal Audit |
| 3:15 - 3:55 pm | **VPRI Newsbreak** (see reverse for list of presenters)             | Myhal 150         |
| 3:55 - 4:00 pm | **Closing Remarks**  
Renee Brost, Chief Administrative Officer, VPRI                  | Myhal 150         |
Breakout Sessions*

**B1. At Your Service – Navigating the Service Agreement World at U of T**
Myhal 360
Loredana Polidoro, Research Partnerships Officer, VPRI
With special guest Rachael Ferenbok, Senior Legal Counsel, Contracts, Division of the Vice-President & Provost
This interactive session will provide attendees with a better understanding of the university process for review and administration of service agreements.

**B2. Research Procurement**
Myhal 380
Nathan King, Senior Procurement Officer, Procurement Services
Solidify and build on your understanding of procurement. Learn about if/when procurement exemptions are applicable to your project. With your peers, practice applying your procurement knowledge in interactive case studies.

**B3. Power Up with FIS & RIS!**
Myhal 150
Annaliza Co, Research Financial Systems Specialist, VPRI
Nadia Saracoglu, Research Systems Technology Manager, VPRI
Nusrath Mohiuddin, Business Analyst, Financial Services
Rames Paramsothy, Business Analyst (Training Coordinator), Financial Services
Learn about the powerful RIS and FIS research management reporting tools and how to use them. Discover each team's superpowers: what research management activities they support and how they can help you.

*Note: Budget Monitoring & Research Administration 101 no longer available. Our apologies for any inconvenience.*

VPRI Newsbreak

**My Research Applications & Agreements (MRA)**
Bob Dirstein, Project Manager/Analyst Information & Technology Service

**My Research Funds (MRF)**
Peter Schwarz-Lam, Business Process Integration Manager, VPRI

**VPRI Website**
Emi Yano, Research Administration Training Specialist, VPRI

**Centre for Research & Innovation Support (CRIS)**
Vinita Haroun, Director, Centre for Research & Innovation Support, VPRI

**Research & Innovation Dashboards**
Maya Collum, Senior Research Information Analyst

**Research Oversight & Compliance Update**
Rhain Louis, Manager, Research Oversight & Compliance