Workshop #1

Breakout Room
Agency and Foundation Funding (AFF), Research Services

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Agenda

• Broad overview of AFF administrative service
• Funding managed by AFF
• Team Structure
  o Teams within AFF
• Common Questions
• Your Questions
### Broad overview: AFF services

1. **Support the Search for Funding:**
   - Core Funding Opportunities Database (regular cycle funding opportunities)
   - Research Alerts*
   - Information Sessions (e.g. SSHRC Insight, NSERC Discovery) working in partnership with the Centre for Research and Innovation Support (CRIS)

2. **Apply for Funding:**
   - Information resource about the funding opportunity, process, Institutional “Sign off”, endorsement driven by MRA (required in advance of endorsement).
   - Submission where Sponsor requires Institution to do so through online portals.

3. **Manage Funding:**
   - Significant focus for AFF team members
   - Agreement negotiation, fund set up (FReD), budget adjustments (where req’d), collaboration agreements (“sub-grants”),
   - Assist with issues that may arise

4. **Project Close:**
   - Fund budget reductions where required
   - Financial reporting is handled by Research Financial Reporting and Audit
   - [Research Funding Life cycle](#)
Funding managed by AFF

• Generally, PI-driven research funding applications and awards that are in response to, or the result of:
  o Open call Program funding, normally competitive
    • Private sector is managed in IPO
  o Foundations (can be an open call, but may result from interest in, or ongoing support of a Principal Investigator’s research)
Teams within AFF

Health and Life Sciences

- Tri-Agency: CIHR
- Numerous **domestic** sponsors focused on health and life sciences funding
  - Heart & Stroke, Cancer research foundations, etc.
- Team members:
  - Deanna Pong RFM
  - Samantha Young RFO
  - Laura Weir RFA
Teams within AFF

Natural Sciences and Engineering

- Tri-Agency: NSERC
- Numerous domestic sponsors focused on natural sciences and engineering funding
  - Environment and Climate Change Canada, MTO, etc.
- Team members
  - RFM: Jessica Keating
  - RFO: Keti Dzamova RFO
  - RFA: Rochelle Carvhalho (50%)
Teams within AFF

Social Sciences and Humanities

• Tri-Agency: SSHRC
• Numerous domestic sponsors focused on social sciences and humanities funding
  o IDRC, Killam, etc.
• Team members:
  o RFM: Sarah Scott
  o RFO: Mark Bold,
  o RFO: Shanna Pritchard (50%)
Teams within AFF

US and International

- US and International funding sponsors including NIH, US government, European sponsors, and many other non-domestic sponsors across all disciplines.

- Team members:
  - RFM: Krista Montgomery
  - RFM: Claudia Donnerhack (Loredana Polidoro on leave)
  - RFA: Christine Kwan
Common Questions

• **Who do I contact?**
  o Reach out to the team that handles your discipline area, [Contact us](#).

• **Why is there an internal deadline?**
  o Institutional endorsement in order to meet sponsor deadline

• **Can Research Services waive indirect costs?**
  o No. Any discussion about variation in indirect costs is held at the Division level

• **What’s the difference between RSO (AFF) and IPO?**
  o IPO manages funds from private sector or with private sector objectives, and commercialization.

• **“Who has to sign this?”**
  o Research agreements, applications, other binding documents are signed by the appropriate unit in the Division of the VPRI.
Questions?