

HEALTH RESEARCH ALLIANCE MEMBERS MEETING

April 20-21, 2022

All sessions will be virtual via Zoom

April 20 | Wednesday

12:30 – 2:00 PM ET

How to Build Mentoring and Community Support Platforms To Support Diversity, Equity and Inclusion In Your Scientific Network

Register to attend this session using [this link](#).

Early-career investigators (ECI) require mentoring to succeed to their fullest potential and make it over the ‘career valley of death.’ Since diversity increases the strength of innovation, nonprofit funders may be considering setting up specifically-focused mentoring/training/support programs for black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) or other marginalized early-career investigator (ECI). The panel discussion from DEI experts in academia, government and non-profit space will not only give insights into their platforms and programs, they will also give advice on “what to do and what not to do” when you set up a program, and how to determine the short term versus longer term goals.

Moderators

Kelly Rose, PhD

Program Officer | Burroughs Wellcome Fund

HRA Member Presenter

Eugene Manley, Jr., PhD

Director of Community Engagement | LUNGeivity Foundation

Presenters

Shakira Nelson, PhD

Program Director | Division of Training, Workforce Development and Diversity, NIH

Michael A. Yassa, PhD

Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, School of Biological Sciences | University of California, Irvine

3:00 – 4:30 PM ET

Open Science: Tortoise and the Hare

Register to attend using [this link](#).

Is your org moving so slowly in implementing open science policies that you may forgo even a participant ribbon? Is your org moving so quickly that you have taken some wrong turns? Open science (including data sharing) was crucial to mitigating the effects of COVID-19. Sharing results and data helped in the development of diagnostics, vaccines, and multiple therapeutics. The future of medical and scientific research is increasingly populated with AI models that learn from existing data and point to the next experiment to be run. However, sharing data and providing open access to data is still not straightforward. On one end, resources, privacy, security, governance, credentials, are some of the obstacles to access, on the other end, excluding data-sharing requirements in grant making misses an opportunity for maximizing funding impact, and leaves huge gaps and unlevelled outputs.

During the session you will learn from fellow member organizations (and external speakers) about new programs or policies that were successful, or failed to bear the expected results.

April 20 | Wednesday (continued)

3:00 – 4:30 PM ET **Open Science: Tortoise and the Hare** (continued)

We'll also discuss the pace of change – why some orgs moved quickly, some decided to move at a slower pace, and some got stuck in the process of implementing even small initial steps.

Moderator

Rachel Cruthirds

Research Pre-Award Manager | American Heart Association

Presenters

Tony Kerlavage, PhD

Director, Center for Biomedical Informatics & Information Technology | National Cancer Institute, NIH

HRA Member Speakers

Jaelyn N. Taroni, PhD

Director, Childhood Cancer Data Lab | Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

Salvo La Rosa, PhD

Research Information Manager | American Heart Association

Laura Chung

Director of Grants Administration | St. Baldrick's Foundation

Gabrielle Rushing, PhD

Director, Research | TSC Alliance

4:30 – 5:30 PM ET **Virtual Networking**

Join us for networking using this zoom link:

<https://healthra.zoom.us/j/87962563980?pwd=eCtMKldHdG5UZnJZVklV5TEYwMGpBUT09>

April 21 | Thursday

12:30 – 2:00 PM ET **Innovative Models to Expedite Research Funding**

Register to attend this session using [this link](#).

Is the current process of scientific funding too slow? Implementing innovative processes to decrease time between announcement to award is one way organizations are changing the status quo. This session will explore rapid funding – how various organizations have worked to streamline their application and review processes to accelerate research funding, or in response to an emergency. The conversation will focus on the mechanics, outcomes, and pitfalls.

Moderator

Kristen Mueller, PhD

Vice President, Autoimmune Arthritis Research | Arthritis Foundation

Presenters

Brian Fiske, PhD

Co-Chief Scientific Officer | Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

Linda Reilly, PhD

Program for Breakthrough Biomedical Research (PBBR) | University of California San Francisco

HRA Member Presenters

Rachel Cruthirds

Research Pre-Award Manager | American Heart Association

Heather Snyder, PhD

Vice President | Alzheimer's Association

3:00 – 4:30 PM ET

Enhancing Program Performance Using Logic Models

Register to attend using [this link](#).

This session will briefly review the concept of a logic model. It will focus on how logic models can be used in practice to develop a new program or modify an existing program, and to create an evaluation plan which can inform ongoing learning and planning to increase program effectiveness. After the intro, HRA members will walk attendees through (1) an example of a program that focuses on preventing disease progression & improving quality of life among patients and (2) an example of a program targeted toward evaluation of programs for early career investigators. Then we will break out into smaller groups to discuss in more detail examples for different types of programs (for example disease-based, translational, and early-career programs), and to share ideas and lessons learned regarding how they have used logic models in their own work.

When registering you will be asked to select a breakout session, please refer to [this page](#) for examples.

- Early Career Investigator Programs
- Disease-based programs (or programs to accelerate drug or therapy development)
- Clinical and Translational programs
- Other

Moderator and Intro to Logic Models

Lara Bethke, PhD

Chief Scientific Officer | Health Resources in Action

HRA Member Presenters

Alycia Halladay, PhD

Chief Science Officer | Autism Science Foundation

Mary Harkins-Schwarz, MPH

Director, Health Services Research | Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

Breakout Session Moderators

Orna Ehrlich, MPH

Vice President, Strategic Impact | Crohn's & Colitis Foundation

Caitlyn Barrett, PhD

Senior Director, Research and Programs | CureSearch for Children's Cancer

Kara Coleman, PhD

Project Director, Pew Programs in the Biomedical Sciences | Pew Charitable Trust

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