HEALTH RESEARCH ALLIANCE
MEMBERS MEETING
October 1 – 2, 2024

Sponsored by Conquer Cancer, the ASCO Foundation; Foundation Fighting Blindness; Melanoma Research Alliance; and BrightFocus Foundation

The meeting will be held at the American Society of Clinical Oncology offices
2318 Mill Rd #800, Alexandria, VA 22314
All sessions will be live streamed via Zoom unless otherwise noted

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<th>September 30</th>
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| 5:00 – 8:00pm ET | Reception (Daniel O’Connell’s Irish Restaurant and Bar: 112 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314)  
Hosted by SmartSimple |

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<td>8:30 - 9:30am ET</td>
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| 10:00am - 11:00am ET | Generative AI for Tracking and Communicating Research Impact  
The recent emergence of generative AI has many in the non-profit sector scrambling to keep up. This is especially true in terms of leveraging AI to measure, track and communicate the impact that research grant funding and its outcomes have on science and society. In this session, we will hear use cases and best practices on how AI can be used to capture, evaluate and communicate research impact to donors and stakeholders.  
Moderator  
Jennifer Mortenson, PhD  
National Director, Program Evaluation | American Heart Association  
Presenters  
Chris Belter  
Program Analyst, Division of Extramural Research | Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, US National Institutes of Health |
| 11:00am - 12:30pm ET | Lunch |
| 12:30pm - 1:45pm ET | How do Foundations Successfully Implement or Manage DEI Grant Programs in Light of Anti-DEI Legislation?  
In light of the recent Supreme Court decision on Affirmative Action, and other state anti-DEI legislation, foundations are at a crossroads when it comes to managing DEI grant programs. This session will explore how Foundations can remain compliant with current legislation while offering grant programs that institutions can accept that continue to advance DEI-related efforts.  
Moderator  
David Leyden, MPA, CRA  
Senior Director, Finance and Administration, SFARI, Neuroscience, and Informatics | Simons Foundation |

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Presenters
Tammy Collins, PhD (virtual)
Program Officer | Burroughs Wellcome Fund

Emily Cuneo DeSmedt (virtual)
Partner | Morgan, Lewis & Blockius, LLP

David Henderson, MD
Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Belonging, Department of Medical Education | American Medical Association

Jessica Koenigsknecht-Talboo, PhD
Director of Foundation & Corporate Philanthropy | University of Kentucky Philanthropy

1:45pm - 2:15pm ET  Break

2:15pm - 3:15pm ET  AI in Grant Application and Management: Strategies, Risks and Considerations
Artificial intelligence tools are becoming widespread and more robust across various disciplines. This session will focus on the promises and perils of AI for funders to integrate AI for efficient grant making process. What funder workstreams could be made easier, faster, or more insightful with artificial intelligence? What are the concerns around privacy, biases, or truth that should be considered? This session will introduce a range of ways in which funders are using or considering artificial intelligence in the grant application process.

Moderator
Kevin Sia, PhD
Program Officer for Medical Research | Doris Duke Foundation

Presenters
Andrea Brandon
Deputy Assistant Secretary; Budget, Finance, Grants and Acquisition | US Department of the Interior

Chantal Forster (virtual)
Advisor, Strategic Services for the Social Sector | Warren West Advisory

Jennifer Hall, PhD
Chief of Data Science, Co-Director of the Institute for Precision Cardiovascular Medicine | American Heart Association

3:15pm - 3:45pm ET  Break

3:45pm - 4:45pm ET  Therapeutic Development Learning Community Session - Unlocking Cures: Navigating the Therapeutics Frontier in Collaboration with the Federal Government
As non-profits, we want to make sure any investments we make in potential new therapeutics are as impactful as possible. In this session, we will explore how we can complement what federal agencies support in this space, and make sure we catalyze the therapeutics development ecosystem. We will hear from NIH and ARPA-H on how their efforts support innovative drug discovery and development, and talk about how to effectively engage with these agencies. We will also hear from a trailblazer investigator who has taken a drug from conception to the clinic and discuss how different types of funding sources have helped them in their journey.

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| 9:00am - 10:15am ET   | **Partnerships: Two sides of the same coin**<br>Partnerships can be so much more than cofunding a research program. From partnering with corporations, to engaging with industry partners, to collaborating with other nonprofits and consortia, diversity in partnership is beneficial to furthering the goals of HRA member organizations. This session will explore how our member organizations can partner with nonacademic organizations to further shared goals in biomedical research. HRA members and their partners will provide dual perspectives and real-life examples on the successes and challenges of the partnership and provide take home lessons for attendees interested in pursuing similar partnerships.  
**Moderator**<br>Jennifer Brummet, PhD  
**Presenters**<br>Kuldip Dave, PhD<br>Maaike Everts, PhD<br>Deb Gokie<br>Alessio Travaglia, PhD |
| 10:15am - 10:30am ET  | **Break**                                                            |
| 10:30am - 12:00pm ET  | **Career Advancement: Aligning Passion with Prosperity**<br>This interactive workshop will teach you how to align your passion with your goals to build a career that lights you up with purpose. No matter what stage you’re at in your career, you’ll walk away with actionable strategies for career growth that integrate your values and talents. Managers and leaders will also learn cutting-edge staff retention techniques that foster the professional growth of your team (even in small shops!) Whether you’re early in your career or seeking to ascend to new heights, this session offers invaluable insights and practical advice to empower you in your professional journey. |
**Moderator**  
Jacquelyn Crutchley  
Senior Administrative Manager, Research and Grants Administration | American Association for Cancer Research

**Facilitator**  
Shannon Bowen  
Founder and CEO | Monsoon Leadership

12:00pm - 1:00pm ET  
**Lunch**  
Boxed lunches will be available – feel free to take lunch to go, or stay and network with colleagues!