



MASTS and ARCH-UK ECR Grant Training Day
'A Guide to the Grant Environment and Review Process for ECRs'
MASTS-ASM, Fri 2 Nov '18, Technology and Innovation Centre, Glasgow



9:30-9:55 MASTS-ASM REGISTRATION

MORNING SESSION

OUTLINING FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR ECRs

10:00-12:30

MORNING PART 1: Funder and Academic Presentations

10:00-10:05 Introduction

Dr Amaya Albalat, ARCH-UK WG8 Career Development Lead, University of Stirling

10:05-10:35 Funder presentations

General and specific funding opportunities available to ECRs will be highlighted; speakers will provide tips to improve grant capture; describe how their grant environment is changing and comment on future challenges.

Callum Harvey, KT Manager, Knowledge Transfer Network (15)

Dr Avril Allman, Head of Research and Funding Operations, NERC (15)

10:35-10:55 Science & Industry proposals: key considerations

Prof Anton Edwards, UHI (20)

***** Tea & Coffee Break 11:00-11:20 *****

11:20-11:50 Academic presentations

Charles and Ross are both experienced academics giving us the opportunity to hear about their career, how they transitioned from non-permanent to permanent positions, from capturing small to large grants. They will describe some turning points and give their personal insights into how to achieve grant success. The speakers will also give an overview of how the grant environment has changed through the course of their career, with advice on how overcome such challenges.

Prof Charles Tyler, University of Exeter (15)

Prof Ross Houston, Roslin Institute (15)

MORNING PART 2: Q&A Panel

11:50 – 12:30 Q&A Panel: *Dr Amaya Albalat, Prof Anton Edwards, Prof Charles Tyler, Prof Ross Houston, Callum Harvey and Dr Avril Allman*

All speakers available for questions/discussion with group about difficulties associated with grant writing. We will have an open discussion with UKRI about how ECRs with non-permanent positions can access grants. WG 8 to produce a joint statement from discussions had on the day.

***** Buffet Lunch 12:30-1:15 *****

AFTERNOON SESSION
GRANT REVIEW EXERCISE FOR ECRs IN THE FIELD OF AQUACULTURE
13:15-15:45

AFTERNOON PART 1: Grant Review Exercise

13:15 – 13:25 SAIC: Research funding for Scottish Aquaculture projects

Caroline Griffin, Aquaculture Innovation Manager, SAIC

13:25 - 13:40 Introduction to Review Exercise

Prof Anton Edwards is a well-practised reviewer in the field of aquaculture science who will give an overview of his experiences and outline the review process. He will also set the scene and provide guidance for the 'Review Exercise'.

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13:40 - 15:05 Review Exercise: ECRs to discuss and review grants in groups

The aim of the session is to improve ECR understanding of the reviewer's perspective when writing their own grants – a key consideration for grant success. Focus will be given to the 'Case for Support' and 'Pathways to Impact' sections. Two aquaculture proposals will be circulated prior to the workshop for discussion in groups on the day to identify strengths and weaknesses. Other academics and funders present will also share their thoughts when group discussions are shared. Actual Reviewer comment forms will be shared at the end of the exercise.

Proposal 1 (35-45 min) introduced by Prof Ross Houston:

'Improving resistance to infectious salmon anaemia using genome editing: Novel approaches to tackling viral disease in aquaculture'

Proposal 2 (35-45 min) introduced by Prof Charles Tyler:

'Hybridisation in a Future Ocean: A Mechanism for Adaptation of Mussels to Multiple Environmental Challenges'

*****Tea & Coffee Break 15:05-15:20*****

AFTERNOON PART 2: Feedback to ARCH-UK

15:20 -15:45 Feedback to ARCH-UK

Group to provide feedback about the session and highlight other skills gaps to address in future sessions/workshops/events

15:45 End of Day