

Making your research grant proposal successful Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May 2012

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Objective: to meet the needs of research support staff in their role as providing advice and support to academic staff who are making bids for research funding.

Participants are invited to bring copies of one or two draft or unsuccessful bids for use in the workshop, and to indicate special concerns. The programme will be modified to address those concerns.

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 10th

11.00 Registration and coffee

11.15 Session 1 Join syndicates of academics to consider some draft unsuccessful applications

Plenary feedback on strengths and advice for improvement

12.15 Session 2 Presentation Sarah Andrew: Writing award winning grant applications

Questions and discussion

12.45 Lunch

13.30 Session 3 Presentations: Sarah Andrew and John Wakeford: Check lists: writing and making applications; what to do if you are turned down

15.00 Tea.

Session 4 Syndicates of academics produce presentations: 'What we need from the research support system'

Action planning and evaluation

16.00 Departure (of those attending 9/10th only)

- 16.15 Session 5 Sharing agendas
- 16.30 Session 6 Presentation: research funding – the current context
Discussion
- 17.15 Mid course review, proposals for issues for evening and next day
Break
- 19.00 Reception, dinner, evening session if required (eg discussion of
diary of senior academic bidding for research funding)

FRIDAY 11th (to be revised and refocused in the light of mid course review)

- From Breakfast
- 7.30
- 9.00 Syndicates: critical review of sample of research applications.
Plenary feedback on how a research support office could
contribute to improving them
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00 Presentation: Robert Crawshaw: Bidding experience and
perspective of an academic

Questions and discussion
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.30 Syndicates: key components of an effective support system for
successful bidding for research funds

Plenary: syndicate presentations
- 14.30 Tea
- 15.00 Action planning: setting up the best system
- 15.45 Evaluation
- 16.00 Ends