2020 NORDP Great Lakes Regional Virtual Retreat

THEME: Research Development in Pivotal Times

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Due: September 28, 2020 by 11:59p.m.

VIRTUAL EVENT:
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST
Thursday, November 12, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST
Friday, November 13, 2020 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and virtual happy hour at 5:30 p.m. EST

HOST: Indiana University Office of the Vice President for Research

Region IV of the National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP) invites abstracts for its third Regional Meeting, to be held virtually by Zoom technology November 11 through November 13, 2020, hosted by Indiana University Office of the Vice President for Research. Both NORDP members and non-members are invited to submit abstracts for individual or panel presentations focused on topics that will be of interest to anyone working to support researchers in these pivotal times. Registration for this event will be free to both NORDP members and non-NORDP members.

NORDP is a robust, national peer network of Research Development professionals who work to enhance competitive individual and cross-disciplinary research efforts and to foster research excellence across their institutions. The diverse activities of Research Development professionals include: connecting faculty with funding opportunities; assisting with proposal development and editing; coordinating complex, large-scale proposals; facilitating collaboration among faculty and across disciplines; supporting faculty career development in the research funding space; managing internal funding programs that support data collection and collaboration; fostering innovation; and finding the best ways to communicate our knowledge and services.

AGENDA OVERVIEW: The first conference day will be devoted to the topic of Diversity and Inclusion, including keynote and plenary sessions and breakout groups. The second day will consist of a panel and a Q&A session on the topic of Driving Research Development beyond COVID-19, followed by a plenary session. The first two days will include time for networking through casual zoom connections. The third day will include concurrent sessions of presentations from NORDP members and our Great Lakes Business Meeting, closing with a virtual happy hour.

Topics for abstracts might include but are not limited to:

- Diversity Strategies and Programs in Research Development
- Communicating assets and opportunities of Great Lakes institutions to funders
- Enabling collaboration, team science and critical partnerships for faculty
- Strategies for effective proposal development and project management
- Faculty support through workshops, programs, onboarding, mentorship, etc.
- Strategic initiatives (e.g., grand challenges)
- Community-based research and outreach
- Research Development in the humanities & social sciences
- Instructive case studies of successes and failures
- Incorporating Research Development activities in Research Administration-focused offices
- Corporate relations and industry engagement
- Building a pipeline for the Research Development profession
How to submit an abstract:

*Individual or Panel Presentations* are intended for individuals or for panels of no more than four persons to present information related to Research Development, or important to advancing the skills or professional development of conference participants. Sessions will be 60 minutes in length (please plan to leave time for Q&A).

Abstracts should include:
- Your presentation title
- Names, titles, and institutions of all presenters
- A description of the format, content and aims (200 words max)

Please submit your abstracts [https://nordp.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1821711](https://nordp.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1821711) by **Sept 28, 2020; 11:59p.m.**

Thank you, and we look forward to receiving your abstracts.

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