

## Agenda – Information Day / Workshop on US research funding opportunities for EU researchers

**Friday, 31 October 2014, 10 am – 4 pm in the premises of the Leibniz-Gemeinschaft, Chausseestraße 111, 10115 Berlin, 5th floor**

The Workshop on US Research Funding Opportunities for EU Researchers is organized as an activity of [BILAT USA 2.0](#), a project funded by the European Union under FP7, with the aim to enhance EU-US Science and Innovation cooperation. This workshop will offer the opportunity to hear from experts from the US and from European research managers with experience in managing US federal funds.

*General Moderation: Vera Kammann, BILAT USA 2.0*  
**9:15 – 10:00 Registration / Coffee**

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:10 – 10.10h	Welcome / Introduction	Vera Kammann
10:10 – 11.30h	<p><b>Part I</b>  <i>Promotion of US federal research funding opportunities for European researchers</i>                      Key Question: Which US federal funding opportunities are open to European researchers (with specific focus on NIH &amp; NSF)?</p>	Vivian Holmes & Patricia Hawk
11:30 – 11.45h	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
11:45 – 13.00h	<p><b>Part II</b>  <i>Strengthen European institutions' expertise in applying for and managing US research funds</i>                      Key Questions: What is required to apply for US federal funds?                      What is required to be a sub-recipient of US federal funds, with specific focus on NIH and NSF?</p>	Vivian Holmes & Patricia Hawk
13:00 – 14:00h	<b>Light lunch and Networking opportunities</b>	
14:00 – 15:00h	<p><b>Part III</b>  <i>Case studies of research collaboration between US and European institutions</i></p>	Eva Björndal & Regina Notz
15:00 – 16:00h	<b>Open discussion with all Panelists and Opportunity for individual questions</b>	All



**Vivian Holmes, NCURA President**  
**Director of Sponsored Research Operations, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard**

Vivian Holmes has been involved in research administration for over twenty years. As Director of Sponsored Research Operations at the Broad Institute, her primary focus is research compliance and the development and implementation of research policies and procedures including new systems for grants management and financial reporting. Prior to joining the Broad Institute in 2009, Vivian was Director of Finance and Administration for the Division of Medical Sciences at Harvard University. There, she was responsible for finance and operations of the pre-doctoral programs primarily interacting with Harvard-affiliated hospitals and research institutions. Vivian has been active in NCURA (National Council of University Research Administrators) since 1993 and continues to participate, learn, and teach. She has served on several Committees including the Board of Directors, has been a member of NCURA's Traveling Workshop Faculty and is a frequent panelist on operational and compliance issues. Vivian currently serves as NCURA's 2014 President



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**Regina Notz**

Regina works for EU GrantsAccess as a senior research manager since 2009. She studied at ETH Zurich, where she also did her PhD. Her PhD was followed by a PostDoc as a Marie Curie Industrial Fellow at the Unilever Research and Health Institute in the Netherlands. Regina stayed for 5.5 years with Unilever, moving from basic research towards product development, research and innovation management. Back in Switzerland, Regina followed up on her passion for research management and consultancy at her current position in the international grants office of ETH and University of Zurich, where she is in charge of advising researchers with US grants and providing support to set up institutional policies for these grants.



## Patricia Hawk

Patricia Hawk has been involved in research administration for more than 30 years. As the Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs at Oregon State University (OSU), Pat directs the pre-award functions at OSU and serves as the primary signatory authority. Her previous responsibilities at OSU have included preparing OSU's Facilities and Administrative (F&A) rate proposal and reviewing/ revising OSU's Disclosure Statement (DS-2). Prior to OSU, Pat served as the Assistant Director of the Sponsored Projects Administration Office at Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU). She has also had experience with the University of Oregon, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the University of Virginia. Pat has been an active member in NCURA during her research administration career. She has served on national and regional program committees, and, in addition to other teaching roles, has served as a faculty member of the Global Financial Research Administration Workshop. She has chaired two National-level committees for NCURA, and most recently served as Vice-President and President in 2012 and 2013. She serves as Immediate Past President in 2014.

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## Eva Björndal

Eva Björndal is Team Leader for the Post-Contract Office at Karolinska Institutet, Sweden. Previously she has held positions at Karolinska Institutet as the Compliance Coordinator, Financial Advisor for International Grants and EU Financial manager. Prior to working in research management she worked for the European Commission. Eva is the chair of NCURA's International Region and serves as a Swedish delegate of the Research and Innovation planning group of the Nordic Association of University Administrators (NUAS). She is also involved in ARCADE HSSR and ARCADE RSDH, which are two EU-funded projects for building capacity for health systems and services, including grants management, in Africa and Asia.

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