Ready to take the next step in your research career?

Check out the «Professional Skills for Research Leaders» programme!

Looking to expand your network? Eager to keep your research team on track and develop your team members? Want to learn how to write a more successful grant application and increase funding for your research? Committed to developing a strong track record of publications and journals? Determined to establish yourself as a leader in your field?

Designed to help researchers enhance their leadership, management and impact, the Professional Skills for Research Leaders (PSRL) programme will enable you to identify a broad range of strategies and skills to establish yourself as a research leader.

Together with other researchers, you will explore relevant themes such as recruiting, hiring and managing a research team, communication and publications, maximizing budgets and producing successful grant applications.

Interactive and engaging in-person activities compliment the online course modules to provide a rich learning experience.
Programme Features:

- 5 online courses
  - Developing and consolidating your research career
  - Funding your research
  - Managing a research team
  - Research collaboration
  - Communicating your research
- Personal portfolio developed through the online course.
- 6 in-person workshops which include case studies, interactive activities, exchange of best practices and networking opportunities with experts and research peers.

Target Audience:

- This programme is designed for independent postdoctoral researchers and early career academics (R2-R3 EU research profiles)
- Maximum: 12 participants (min. 6)

Organisation and Schedule:

Workshops are held monthly on Fridays from 9:30 am-12:30 pm beginning Friday 16 October, 2020 through March 2021. An information session will be held on Tuesday 29 September, 2020 - location TBA.

- September 29, 2020 (11 am) : PSRL Welcome & Information Session
- October 16, 2020 - Workshop 1: Introduction to Professional Skills for Research Leaders
- November 13, 2020 - Workshop 2: Developing & Consolidating your Research Career
- December 4, 2020 - Workshop 3: Developing your research funding plan & grant writing
- January 8, 2021 - Workshop 4: Managing & hiring a Research Team
- February 5, 2021 - Workshop 5: Research Collaboration
- March 5, 2021 - Workshop 6: Communicating your research
- March 26, 2021 - Wrap up session and celebration

Registration opens August 15, 2020

In Their Words...

«Research in management shows that leadership can be learned. Though, research leadership programmes are rarely organized and it has been for many researchers a lonely journey, finally learned through experience. All researchers face the challenge of building a strong research network, the challenge of setting up and managing a research team. The program PSRL is a unique opportunity to benefit from the experience of other researchers on how to develop a research network, on the importance of being mentored, on how to manage and set up a research team as well as on how to communicate about our research outputs. This is in my opinion more than a course programme as it constitutes a real think tank about how to professionally carry out his/her career in research».

Marie Lambert, Ph.D.
Vice Dean for Research and Associate Professor
HEC Liège, ULiége

«PSRL courses highlight the importance of reflecting on your own career and provide essential tools to help making good decisions at the early stages of your scientific independence. I found this programme very useful when developing your research leadership. It gives you essential advice and tricks to ensure successful management of your research team, collaborations and research projects. It is also a great opportunity to meet peer scientists who share similar challenges, as well as more established personalities with valuable experience. I definitely encourage young independent researchers at ULiege to enrol in this program».

Pierre Close, Ph.D.
FNRS Research Associate and
WELBIO Group leader, ULiege

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