

# International Funding Agency Seminar

March 5-6, 2018

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University

## PROGRAM

### Monday, March 5, 2018

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Refreshments	Seminar Room B250
9:00 – 9:20	Opening of the Seminar	
<p><i>Session 1. Competitive Research Funding Programs</i>  <i>Each agency provides overview of their programs, with a focus on funding opportunities for young /newly independent researchers and for postdoctoral fellows, the review process including the review criteria, tips for successful proposal writing, and how they monitor the progress of awarded grants.</i></p>		
9:20 – 10:00	European Research Council (ERC) - <a href="https://erc.europa.eu/">https://erc.europa.eu/</a> Dr. Anna Lonroth, Head of Unit Life Sciences.	
10:00 – 10:40	German Research Foundation (DFG) - <a href="http://www.dfg.de/en/dfg_profile/index.html">http://www.dfg.de/en/dfg_profile/index.html</a> Dr. Sonja Ochsenfeld-Repp, Director of Quality and Programme Management	
10:40 – 10:50	Break	
10:50 – 11:30	Japan Science & Technology Agency (JST) - <a href="https://www.jst.go.jp/EN/index.html">https://www.jst.go.jp/EN/index.html</a> Dr. Miyoko Watanabe, Deputy Executive Director	
11:30 – 12:10	U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) - <a href="https://www.nsf.gov/">https://www.nsf.gov/</a> Dr. Jane Silverthorne, Deputy Assistant Director for Biological Sciences (retired)	
12:10 – 13:20	Lunch (On your own – OIST Café GRANO open to visitors)	
13:20 – 14:00	National Health & Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Australia - <a href="https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/">https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/</a> Dr. Saraid Billiards, Head, Strategy and Engagement, SAGE	

14:00 – 14:40	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) - <a href="https://www.isps.go.jp/">https://www.isps.go.jp/</a> Ms. Atsuko Nakatsuka, Head of International Policy Planning Division	Seminar Room B250
14:40 – 15:20	UK Research and Innovation: The Evolution of the UK Research System (UKRI) - <a href="https://www.ukri.org/">https://www.ukri.org/</a> Mr. Griff Jones, Head of Section and First Secretary Science, Innovation and Global Challenges British Embassy	
15:20 – 15:30	Refreshment Break	
<i>Session 2. Bilateral/Multilateral Funding Opportunities</i> <i>Each agency describes programs designed to promote international collaboration involving Japanese researchers, with a focus on how the proposals are solicited, how the funding decisions are made, and how researchers at Japanese universities can apply / participate.</i>		
15:30 – 17:30	Presentations, followed by Q & A from the audience ERC – Dr. Anna Lonnroth UKRI – Mr. Griff Jones DFG – Dr. Sonja Ochsenfeld-Repp NSF – Dr. Jane Silverthorne NHMRC/Australia – Dr. Saraïd Billards JST – Dr. Gu Shan, Manager for International Affairs JSPS – Ms. Atsuko Nakatsuka	
<i>Dinner</i> <i>All registered participants are invited to the dinner.</i>		
18:00 – 20:00	Informal networking among and between the invited speakers and registered participants.  Dinner talk: Human Frontiers Science Program (HFSP) - <a href="http://www.hfsp.org/">http://www.hfsp.org/</a> Dr. Jane Silverthorne served on the HFSP's Board of Trustees from 2015-2017 and elected Vice Chair in 2016. She will talk about the overview of HFSP and recent changes made to the Program.	Restaurant Floor B

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<p><i>Session 3. Panel Discussion on Integration of Gender Equality Policy in Research Funding</i></p> <p><i>Panelists will discuss national policies on gender equality in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) in his/her country, and how those policies are integrated/ incorporated into the management of their national competitive funding programs.</i></p>		Seminar Room B250
9:00 – 9:30	<p>Keynote Talk: AthenaSWAN – How a Small Grassroot Effort Moved a Mountain</p> <p>Ms. Sarah Dickinson Hyams Head of Equality Charters (<a href="https://www.ecu.ac.uk/equality-charters/athena-swan/">https://www.ecu.ac.uk/equality-charters/athena-swan/</a>)</p>	
9:30 – 10:50	<p>Panel Discussion: Gender Equality Policy in STEM and STEM Research Funding</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Sarah Dickinson Hyams</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Saraid Billiards (Australia, NHMRC)</li> <li>Dr. Anna Lonroth (European Union, ERC)</li> <li>Dr. Sonja Ochsenfeld-Repp (Germany, DFG)</li> <li>Dr. Jane Silverthorne (U.S.A., NSF)</li> <li>Dr. Miyoko Watanabe (Japan, JST)</li> </ul>	
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