Research Support Office

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Outline

• An Introduction to RSO
• Application Process and Support available
• Research Funding Applications
  – Opportunities for Early Career Researchers
Research Support Office

• Research Development
• Research Support
• EU Team
• Contracts Office (Studentships, MTAs)
• Strategic Research Initiative Team
RSO: Research Development

• Aims to encourage research funding application activity
  – Promote funding opportunities
  – Arrange funder visits
  – Run workshops, Learning Lunches, Networking events

• Resources:
  – Website http://www.ed.ac.uk/research-support-office
  – Blog http://www.blog.rso.ed.ac.uk/
Proposal Support available

• Funder Information
  – RSO Website: https://www.ed.ac.uk/research-support-office/funders-and-funding
  – Research Professional: https://www.edweb.ed.ac.uk/research-support-office/funders-and-funding/research-professional

• Dossier of Previously Successful applications
  – RSO Website: https://www.edweb.ed.ac.uk/research-support-office/toolkit-for-applicants/successful-applications

• Liaising with collaborators and partners for information
• Workshops and one to one discussions.
CSE Team

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– http://www.ed.ac.uk/research-support-office/about/research-support-cse
Costing a Proposal

• FEC is Full Economic Cost
  – Directly Incurred Costs
    • Cost that are specific to the research project
    • E.g. RA costs, Travel, consumables etc.
  – Directly Allocated Costs
    • Directly allocated costs are a share of the costs of a resource used by a project, where the same resource is also used by other activities.
    • E.g. Investigator costs, existing facility usage costs
  – Estates costs
    • costs related to buildings and premises used
  – Indirect Costs
    • Research Organisation’s management and administrative services

• RSO Website: https://www.edweb.ed.ac.uk/research-support-office/toolkit-for-applicants/costing-and-pricing
FEC rates

• Different funders use different FEC rates
  – Research Councils fund 80% FEC
  – Industrial Funders should be costed at full FEC

• Some Funders have different Rules
  – EC funds 100% DI cost with 25% flat rate Indirect cost
  – US funders differ:
    • NIH funds only 8% Indirect costs
    – Charities normally don’t fund any Estates or Indirect costs
Research Funding Applications

• Opportunities for Early Career Researchers
  – Fellowships
  – Career Starting grants
  – Industrial Collaboration
  – Standard Grants
Fellowships

- Focus on the researcher
- Research with opportunity to develop skills
- Examples
  - EPSRC Fellowships (Post Doctoral, Early career and Established Career)
    - No deadlines but panels sit twice a year
    - Up to 3 years for post doctoral and 5 years for early career
  - Royal Society University Research Fellowships
    - Usually in September
  - Royal Academy of Engineering Fellowships
- Upcoming Schemes
  - UKRI Future Leadership Fellowship scheme- to be announced next month
Career Starting Grants

• ERC Starting Grants
  – 2-7 years of experience after PhD (up to Euro 1.5 Million for 5 years)
  – Pioneering frontier research in any field of science, engineering and scholarship
  – Both Researcher and the proposed research are important.
  – More like Fellowship than research grant

• New Investigator Awards
  – Previously called First Grant Scheme
  – New academics, no experience of leading research groups
  – Up to three years
Industrial Collaboration

• Work with Industry
  – Through projects
    • Through Innovate UK
    • Directly from Industry
  – KTPs (Knowledge Transfer Partnerships)
    • Part funded by Innovate UK and rest by a UK based Industrial organisation
    • Duration between 12 to 36 months
    • Contact your BDE and Amy Taylor
      Amy.Tayler@ei.ed.ac.uk in Edinburgh Innovation for KTPs and Innovate UK application
Standard Grants

• Early Career Researchers can be:
  – Researcher Co-Is
  – Co-Investigators (if in an open ended position)