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NCURA Webinar: Research Administration in a time of Disruption

The Impact of COVID-19 on University’s Research Environment and Management

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https://inorms.net/activities/raaap-taskforce/
University of Kent

Canterbury (1965)

Medway (2005)

Tonbridge (1982)

Brussels (1999)

Paris (2009)

Athens (2011)

Rome (2013)

55th Anniversary

~20k students

~1k researchers

~$300m turnover

~$40m (research income + QR core funding)

UK

17th for Research Intensity,

16th for Teaching Quality

World

~350th
Simon

- 25 years a research administrator
  (Computer geek before that)
  BSc NatSci, DProf ERA/RMA

- Various national roles
  - Metric Tide
  - Open Access
  - Research Information Management

- NCURA SCGA, Global Fellow
- EARMA Board, Awards Committee
- Ex Chair of ARMA, CASRAI
- PI of RAAAP & RAAAP-2
- CoI UK Due Diligence project
- JHU Masters in Research Administration
Working from Home

• Disaster Planning…?
• Brexit Planning…!

• Mobile Working → Home working
• Desk / space / decent chair
• The Family!!!
• The (therapy) dogs
• IT – hardware
• IT – software (eg “pinging”), SiriusWeb
• MS-Teams, Skype, Zoom, Google, … RS Quiz

• Virtual Tiredness…
  • 2 days off! ;-)  

• http://fundermental.blogspot.com/2020/04/six-tips-on-working-from-home-and-one.html
Researchers

• Labs? Subject differences
• Access to “facilities” eg Shared Buildings (MSOP), Campus differences
  • → “Christmas Period”
• Travel…! (Visas, staffing, …), eg MCSA researchers “stuck” in wrong country

• WFH has differential effects

• Teaching
• Research Output
• Research Funding… top priority?

• Conferences
• REF

https://research.columbia.edu/COVID-19_Research
Research Funding

• Proposals
  • Deadline Extensions
    • Including the NCURA Research Program!
    • Some relaxation on “sign off”

• Projects
  • Delayed start
  • No-cost extensions
  • Furlough?

• Covid-19 Projects
  • Accelerated process
  • Other types of submissions (email)

• [Link to blogpost](http://fundermental.blogspot.com/2020/03/how-does-coronavirus-lockdown-affect.html)
• [Link to update](https://research.kent.ac.uk/researchservices/covid-19-research-funder-update-2/)
Research Office of the Future

- IT Infrastructure
- Virtual working
- Flexible working
- Integrated systems
- Keep a sense of “team”

- Fewer (or more!?) meetings?
- Less travel?
- Virtual conferences?
- More collaboration?
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