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Leading People Responsibly Series

These interactive sessions provide practical tools to help you lead with confidence and skill.

Transformational Leadership Through Collaboration



June 4, 9:30am-11:00am

With Chris Esparza, Koppett

A practical look at how leaders can drive meaningful performance improvement using the social change model. This model frames leadership as a process rooted in collaboration, aimed at fostering positive social change informed by individual, group, and community values.

HR Essentials

June 9, 9:00am-10:30am

With Kate Malia, Director of HR

The HR Essentials session equips you with key tools to support your team. Learn about employee leave, fringe rates, FLSA wage requirements, and more—all tailored to foster a compliant and supportive workplace.



How to Make Difficult Conversations Not So Difficult



June 9, 9:00am-10:30am

*With Jenna Lehr, Deputy Learning Officer and
Special Guest Kate Malia, Director of HR*

Participants will explore a practical conversation model and collaborate in small groups to address real-world challenges.

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From Awareness to Action: Creating an Inclusive Workplace

June 24, 10:00am-11:30am

With Dr. Shelton Johnson, SUNY New Paltz

This dynamic and interactive session invites employees across RF/SUNY to move beyond awareness and take meaningful, everyday action to foster inclusive workplace cultures.



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Relationships, Roles, and Responsibilities in Research Administration



July 9, 10:30am-12:00pm

With Sabrina Cerezo, SBU and Mary Kraft, UB

This session is designed for new research administrators and outlines the key roles, sponsors, funding mechanisms, and organizations that drive sponsored research. You'll build essential context for navigating federal funding, understand the major stakeholders involved, and begin developing the foundational skills needed for effective research administration.

For those who want to go further, the SRAI self-paced module **Relationships, Roles, and Responsibilities in Research Administration** is an excellent complement to this course.

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The PI-RA Partnership: Critical Skills for Successful Projects



August 11, 11:00am-12:00am

With Jennifer Rudes, UMU and Justin Techmanski, UMU

Discover how strong RA–PI partnerships make research smoother and more successful. Upstate Medical RAs share their proven approaches for communication, trust, and navigating every stage of the grant lifecycle.

For those who want to go further, the SRAI self-paced module **The RA/PA Partnership** is an excellent complement to this course.

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SRAI LevelUP licenses are available to all interested staff.



With the NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER) deadline approaching on **July 22, 2026**, now is the ideal time to explore SRAI's **NSF CAREER Proposal mGuide**. This one-hour, self-paced course equips research administrators with essential knowledge and practical skills needed to support Principal Investigators in preparing, writing, and submitting a competitive CAREER proposal to the NSF.

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