10TH ANNUAL RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS’ WORKSHOP

FAIRMONT ZIMBALI, BALLITO, 8-10 OCTOBER 2019

RAW 2018 FEEDBACK

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RAW 2018: What, Where, When.....

16-18 October 2018
Birchwood Hotel & OR Tambo Conference Centre
Boksburg, Gauteng

“Promoting Efficiency through Simplicity”

RAW 2018 Major Topics

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RAW 2018: Who, How.....

- **Delegates:** 202/231 delegates attended RAW 2018;
- **NRF:** GMSA, R&E, HICD, SPP (All Levels);
- **External:** Universities, Museums, Science Councils, National Research Facilities (DA’s & FO’s); and
- **Sponsors:** SABINET and Clarivate Analytics

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RAW 2018: What (Content)....

Information Sessions:

1. Call Rationalisation;
   - One Call in February 2019
   - Replace Individual Calls in Future
   - Future Calls According to the Research Agenda

2. ORCID;
   - NSI Requires Tracking of Researchers (ROI)
   - ORCID ID Included in Future Applications

3. Alumni Database and Completion Tool;
   - Platform to Track Postgraduate Students

4. Conditions of Grant (CoG);
   - Releases, Claims and Carry-Forwards
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Information Sessions:

5. NRF Postgraduate Funding Policy:
   - Introduced New Postgraduate Policy
   - Full-Cost/Partial Cost Funding
   - Age Limit, Financial Need, Responsibilities, etc.

6. New Developments;
   - No Call for Incentive Funding
   - One Call for Applications

7. Alumni Database and Completion Tool;
   - Platform to Track Postgraduate Students

8. Conditions of Grant (CoG);
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Plenaries:

1. **Simplifying and Improving Granting Processes and System Development** (Incentive Funding, One Call, Reporting, Alumni Database & Completion Tool, and changes to the DA Tool);
2. **Legislative Environment & Compliance** (Grant Deposit and General Issues/Non-Compliance);
3. **Breakaways** (Emerging Researchers, Established Researchers, Supporting Research Excellence, Finances and Auditing);
4. **Communication and the Role of the DA’s and FO’s** (Roles of DA’s and FO’s, Regional For a, Stakeholder Engagement Strategies, Tools for Grant Administration);
5. **Supporting Research Excellence** (Different Perspectives, Reviews);
6. **Finances and Audits** (Cancellation of Grants, Student Debtors).
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RAW 2018: Action Items…..

- **NRF One Call:** Communication containing the detail of NRF One Call, categories, number of applications...
- **NRF Policy on Postgraduate Funding:** Broad consultation with institutions, number of students funded, sourcing additional resources, role of universities...
- **Student Grants:** Travel grants, block grants, FRF...
- **System Development:** Number of student travel grants, availability of grant letters to DA’s, journal numbers....
- **Incentive Funding:** Review of allowable expenses, uptake of funds in one year.
- **Queries/Releases:** Improved turnaround time on queries and release.
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RAW 2018: Why.....

- Increase the knowledge of funding opportunities offered by the NRF;
- Familiarise participants with the NRF business processes;
- Share expectations on financial and other reporting by institutions;
- Provide a platform for research administrators and finance officers to share their experiences and learn from best practice;
- Provide a platform for strategic networks among professionals in the sector.

We cannot function in isolation;
We are passionate about our values;
We value the input from key stakeholders;

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." ...
Enkosi, Thank you, Ndo livhuwa, Re a leboga, Siyabonga, Dankie