

# ARMS 2024 CONFERENCE ABSTRACT

**Theme:** Professional research management as an embedded practice

**Title:** The Symbiotic Relationship Between researchers and professional staff in research management systems and practice.

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**Abstract:**

A symbiotic relationship between systems, policies and procedures that underpin successful grant proposal development, funding strategy and effective grant management practice is critical in supporting researchers and their endeavours.

Researchers bring to the table their deep subject expertise, innovative ideas, and passion for discovery and translation. However, navigating the intricacies of grant application processes requires not only scholarly prowess but also strategic planning, administrative finesse, and adherence to complex guidelines. Herein lies the crucial role of research management professionals combined with the use of systems and resources.

The University of Melbourne Health and Medical Research Grants team within the central research Office, will present an overview of its approach to create, respond to and sustain effective partnerships with researchers and other professional research management staff within a large and complex institution. This will also include engagement and expert contribution from various professional roles including Business Development, Advancement and Faculty research support teams. By capitalizing on respective strengths and fostering collaborative relationships, institutions can cultivate a conducive environment for innovative research management practice.

We will present survey results and feedback collected from Researchers who have participated in grant rounds. We will demonstrate case studies which highlight our responsive approach to continuous improvement strategies to support researchers from all career stages. This will enable participants to reflect on and consider additional opportunities to add value to their research management systems.