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UPCOMING SESSION

Research Culture: What is it and why does it matter?

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SESSION TOPIC

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TOPIC SUMMARY

Research culture is the environment in which your research takes place. It includes the ways we collaborate and communicate, as well as the behaviours, values, and expectations that shape the research process. It also encompasses the mechanisms by which your work is recognised and rewarded.

This session is designed to help you understand how research culture has an impact and what you can do to positively influence the culture around you. You will also explore how diverse cultures influence cross sector and global collaborations, and the wider implications of workplace culture on your career going forward.

By the end of this session you, should be able to:

- * Describe the key aspects of positive research culture and its importance within the research environment.
- * Identify actions you can take to improve research culture.
- * Outline how diverse research cultures influence cross-sector collaboration and global research partnerships.
- * Recognise the significance of positive workplace cultures in shaping your personal and professional development.

WHO CAN JOIN?



All early career researchers from WUN, ARUA, or AUN member universities are welcome to attend. As part of our emerging collaborations with the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) and the ASEAN University Network, early career researchers from ARUA and AUN member universities are welcome to attend.

All participants **MUST** register using a valid WUN, ARUA, or AUN member university email address. Any registrations that do not use a WUN, ARUA, or AUN member university email address will not be confirmed.

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