

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024 Schedule

The Research Leadership Institute (RLI) is a cohort-based professional development program for early to mid-career faculty at the University of Arizona. RLI supports emerging research leaders by increasing capacity to strategically plan, garner support for, conduct, and manage large-scale team science research and scholarly collaborations regardless of discipline.

September 15, 2023, 8:00am - 4:30pm | Lodge on the Desert

Program Kickoff

Gather at Lodge on the Desert for cohort introductions, an in-depth orientation to the program curriculum, and lunch with UArizona senior leadership. Discussion topics include how to leverage the program to support your career goals, working with your external mentor, and building towards your 10-year research/scholarship plan.

October 26-28, 2023, 2 days and 2 nights | Biosphere 2

Research Leadership Retreat

Program will start the evening of Oct 26. Facilitated by the AtKisson Training Group, the research leadership retreat will guide you through an in-depth exploration of your leadership strengths and how to apply them in the context of collaborative research and scholarship efforts. Topics include emotional intelligence; team science theory and practice; diversity, equity, and inclusion; effective team building and management; communication; and setting strategic goals.

November 08, 2023, 8:00am - 4:30pm | Lodge on the Desert

Federal Relations and Communications

Meet with established research leaders, federal relations experts, and communications professionals to learn best practices and strategies for building and sustaining collaborations with government agencies and communicating your vision to elected officials, potential funders, and other stakeholders.

January 26, 2024, 8:00am - 4:30pm | Lodge on the Desert

Essentials of Agile Project Management for Team Based Research

Facilitated by the AtKisson Training Group, this session will cover the theory and application of agile project management in the context of research and scholarly initiatives. Learn how to manage scope, delegate tasks, provide appropriate oversight, choose the right project management tools for the project, and set your team up for success.

March 15, 2024, 8:00am - 4:30pm | Lodge on the Desert

External Engagement: Communities, Foundations and Industry

Learn from established research leaders about engaging with community partners, non-federal funding entities, and industry. Gain insight into strategic avenues for career advancement and funding, including honors, awards and alumni/benefactor relations. Learn how to leverage the UArizona entrepreneurial ecosystem to protect your work and transform your ideas into real-world applications.

April 12, 2024, 8:00am - 4:30pm | Lodge on the Desert

Center Management & Team Development

Establishing and leading a research center or large collaborative project is a complex undertaking. Facilitated by the AtKisson Training Group, this session will cover strategies and best practices for identifying staffing needs, interviewing, hiring, mentoring employees, and conflict resolution. Acquire the skills to develop and lead diverse, effective teams and establish work cultures that enable your people and research to thrive.

May 02, 2024, 12:00pm - 7:00 pm | Lodge on the Desert

Closing Celebration: Putting it all Together

Mark the end of RLI and kick-start next steps by sharing your 10-year research/scholarship plan and goals for your capacity building activity with your cohort peers. Celebrate the completion of RLI with your families and UArizona senior leadership at an evening reception.

