RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING – Knowledge and Skills for Research Project Management within an International Context

Dvoudenní workshop ESF MU pro doktorandy a mladé vědecké pracovníky

Srdečně zveme doktorandy a mladé vědecké pracovníky z MU na dvoudenní workshop zaměřený na rozvoj kompetencí pro řízení výzkumných projektů v mezinárodním kontextu.

Workshop povede Dr. Robin Henderson, zkušený lektor ze skotské firmy My Consultants zaměřující se na rozvoj dovedností PhD studentů. Celý workshop bude probíhat v anglickém jazyce.

Termín konání: 22. – 23. 10. 2014

Lektor: Dr. Robin Henderson (MY Consultants, UK)

Místo: ESF MU, učebna S308

Termín přihlášek: úterý 21. 10. 2014, 15:00

Více informací, včetně přihlášky: http://econ.muni.cz/phd/studenti/researcher-development-training/

Workshop overview

This two day workshop aims to introduce participants to project and research management methods to enable them to better manage their PhD research as well as projects after PhD completion. Within this workshop the methods will be contextualised by some of the challenges of delivering successful projects within international collaborative research. The workshop explores the component stages of projects and will utilise a research based case study to examine how these tools are utilised in practice. In particular we will explore:

- How to develop communication strategies to work with project collaborators and how this can be influenced by culture.
- How to develop detailed project plans including building robust timelines and risk management plans.
How to manage the execution of a project including how to manage the people working on the project and how this could be impacted by cultural challenges.

Workshop timetable

Day 1 22/10/2014

9:30–11:00  Overview of research project management
            Project Definition: Understanding project success
11:00–11:15  Coffee
11:15–12:45  Project Definition: Identifying and working effectively with stakeholders
12:45–13:30  Lunch
13:30–15:00  Project Definition: Developing detailed project scopes
            Project Planning: Rolling wave planning and the Work Breakdown Structure
15:00–15:15  Coffee
15:15–16:45  Project Planning: Building Timelines
            Project Planning: Allocating resources and roles

Day 2 23/10/2014

9:30–11:00  Project Planning: Building effective budgets
            Project Planning: Risk identification and management
11:00–11:15  Coffee
11:15–12:45  Project Planning: Summary and documentation
            Project execution and control: Measuring and monitoring progress
12:45–13:30  Lunch
13:30–15:00  Project execution and control: Managing people
15:00–15:15  Coffee
Project close out: Administrative close out

Project close out: Lessons Learnt and Knowledge Transfer.

Course close – key learning and forward planning

About Dr. Robin Henderson (www.myconsultants.net)

Robin obtained a first class Materials Engineering degree from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1994 before moving to Aberdeen University where he completed a PhD in materials engineering in 1997 – his PhD was submitted in 2 years and 360 days. On completion of his PhD he stayed in university research and worked on industrially-focused projects that were closely linked with the manufacturing industry for 2 years. In 1999 Robin was appointed as an engineering lecturer at Aberdeen University. Whilst a lecturer he was the PI on a number of research projects (including EPSRC, KTPs and Industrial funded projects), supervised a number of successful PhD students, and during his academic career he published 15 peer reviewed articles and contributed to a number of national and international conferences. During his time as a lecturer he was the lead academic for the Scottish Offshore Materials Centre which ran as a consultancy operation within the university, delivering consultancy projects to over 20 SME’s within Scotland. During 4 years as a lecturer he taught on and developed new courses in Engineering Design, Project and Engineering Management. In particular he developed a range of courses for an MSc course in project management on which he still teaches.

In 2003 Robin left the engineering department to take up a part time post in staff development at the University of Aberdeen where his worked was focused on enhancing the quality of teaching within the organisation. In 2004 Robin left the university and formed MY Consultants. Since 2004 he has worked primarily with staff in Higher Education (although he does some work within other sectors, in particular oil and gas) and has facilitated workshops and training at over 20 UK HEIs working with a wide range of staff including Academics, Research Staff, Postgraduates, Senior Management Teams and Senior Administrators. The topics which his workshops cover include leadership, project management, delivering impact through research, developing research careers and pro-actively managing staff. He also teaches on MSc programmes at the University of Aberdeen and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Within this role he still supervises MSc dissertations, some of which have resulted in publications within the project management community. Since 2004 MY Consultants has delivered over £1.3million pounds of training and development, and Robin has personally delivered over 1000 days of workshops.

He completed an MBA at the Open University in 2005, completed a NLP Master Practitioner Training in 2007, is a Chartered Engineer and professional member of the Association for Project Management. Robin is also a qualified