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A
AFORM – Education division at the University of Bologna, https://www.unibo.it/it/ateneo/organizzazione/amministrazione-generale/728/index.html
AIREN – All-Island Research Excellence Network, https://airen.network/
APM – Association for Project Management, https://www.apm.org.uk/
ARC – Academic Registrars’ Council, https://arc.ac.uk/
ARIC – Research division at the University of Bologna, https://www.unibo.it/it/ateneo/organizzazione/amministrazione-generale/4082
ARMA – Association of Research Managers and Administrators UK, https://arma.ac.uk/ (formerly RAGnet)
ARMA-T – Association of Research Managers and Administrators in Austria
ARWU – The Academic Ranking of World Universities, also known as the Shanghai Ranking, https://www.shanghairanking.com/
ATTP – Associations of Technology Transfer Professional, Promoting and maintaining global standards in knowledge and technology transfer, https://attp.global/
AUFOS – Austrian non-university research organisations grant office services
AUTM – Association of University Technology Managers, non-profit association to educate, promote and inspire professionals to support the development of academic research, https://autm.net/

B
BESTPRAC – COST Targeted Network to be the Voice of research administrators building a network of administrative excellence, https://bestprac.eu/home/
BI – Business Intelligence
BPI – Best Practice Institute, a leadership development, executive coaching, and HR Benchmark Research company, https://www.bestpracticeinstitute.org/?view=guest
BRAMA – Brazilian Research Administration and Management Association, http://www.bramabrazil.org/

CAP® – Certified Administrative Professional, https://ihrmglobal.org/certified-administrative-professional-cap/

CARA – Canadian Association of Research Administrators, https://cara-acaar.ca (formerly CAURA)

CARDEA – an EU funded project to enable the Professionalisation of Research Management as a valued career choice, https://www.ucc.ie/en/cardea/

CARICOM – Caribbean Community, a grouping of twenty countries consisting of fifteen Member States and five Associate Members, https://dppa.un.org/en/caribbean-community-caricom


CAURA – Canadian Association of University Research Administrators (now CARA)

CDP – Continuing Professional Development, https://cpduk.co.uk/

CEA – The Chinese Economic Association is a not-for-profit research association to advance the knowledge of the general public about economic development in China, and to promote and publish research on the Chinese economy. https://ceauk.org.uk/

CERC – The Canada Excellence Research Chairs offers universities awards to support researchers and their teams to establish ambitious research programs, https://www.cerc.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx

CFI – Canada Foundation for Innovation is a non-profit corporation that invests in research infrastructure at Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals and non-profit research institutions, https://www.innovation.ca


CFREF – Canada First Research Excellence Fund helps postsecondary institutions excel globally in research areas that create long-term economic advantages for Canada, https://www.cfref-apogee.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx

CIHR – Canadian Institute of Health Research is Canada’s federal funding agency for health research, https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/193.html

CNRC – National Research Council is the largest public research institution in Canada, the only one under the Research Ministry performing multidisciplinary activities, https://www.cnrc.it/en

CNRS – The French National Centre for Scientific Research explores the living world, matter, the Universe, and the functioning of human societies to meet the major challenges of today and tomorrow, https://www.cnrs.fr/en/cnrs

COFAR – Council of Financial Assistance Reform

COGR – Council of Governmental Relations, https://www.cogr.edu/


COST BESTPRAC – COST targeted network officially ended in October 2019, it has remained active now part of EARMA https://bestprac.eu/home/

CRA – Certificate in Research Administration (by EARMA), https://earma.org/courses-and-training/

CRA® – Certified Research Administrator, a registered professional certification offered by Research Administrators Certification Council (RACC), https://www.cra-cert.org/cra-body-of-knowledge


CRM – Certificate in Research Management (EARMA, ARMA, CARA), https://arma.ac.uk/qualifications/

D
DARMA – Danish Association for Research Managers and Administrators, https://darma.dk/
DOD – Department of Defence (USA), https://www.defense.gov/
Dog – a person’s best friend
DOL – Department of Labour (USA), https://www.dol.gov/

E
EEA – European Economic Area, https://www.efta.int/eea
EMBRAPA – Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation as one of the major public research institutions in Brazil, https://www.embrapa.br/en/international
Emiratisation – A collection of initiatives, incentives, and provisions of the UAE Government to increase the number of Emirati nationals employed in public and private sectors
ESRAM – Early-Stage Research Administrators Masterclass (EARMA), https://earma.org/conferences/earma-early-stage-research-administrator-masterclass/
EUA – The European University Alliance aims to support the internationalisation of European Higher Education, https://europeanunialliance.eu/
EUA – The European University Association plays a crucial role in the Bologna Process and in influencing EU policies on higher education, research and innovation, https://eua.eu/
EU-ERFA – The purpose of EU-ERFA is to enhance knowledge about Horizon Europe among administrative staff members at public research institutions, https://ufm.dk/en/research-and-innovation/funding-programmes-for-research-and-innovation/eu-and-international-funding-programmes/horizon-europe/counselling/network-groups/the-eu-erfa-networking-group
EUPMAN – EU Project Managers network in the Netherlands until 2018 then ARMA-NL, https://armanl.eu/

F
FAPESP – São Paulo Research Foundation (Brazil) to support only research institutions located in São Paulo state, https://fapesp.br/en
FDP – Federal Demonstration Partnership, https://thefdp.org/default/
FFATA – Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act
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FoRMAtion – FoRMAtion aims to support students in higher education as potential Research Managers and Administrators (RMAs) by reinforcing the high-level and transversal skills needed for developing and managing excellent European research, innovation and educational projects, https://www.formation-rma.eu/

FORTRAMA – German Association of Research Managers, https://fortrama.net/

FP – Framework Programme

FPs – EU Framework Programmes, https://cros-legacy.ec.europa.eu/content/research-projects-under-framework-programmes-0_en

FRM – Financial Risk Manager

FTE – Full Time Equivalent (in relation to employment or effort on a project)

G


GDP – Gross Domestic Product

H

HE – Higher education is the tertiary level of education leading to award of an academic degree. Higher education, also called post-secondary education, third-level or tertiary education, is an optional final stage of formal learning that occurs after completion of secondary education

HEIs – Higher Education Institutions, education providers at the post-secondary levels

HERD – Higher Education Research and Development

HEU – Horizon Europe is a research and innovation funding programme until 2027, https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en

HR – Human Resources


I


ICEARMA – Icelandic Association for Research Managers and Administrators, https://icearma.is/

ICT – Information and Communications Technology

IDEX – A cryptocurrency

IFD – Innovation Fund Denmark, https://innovationsfonden.dk/en

IHE – Institution of Higher Education


INSERM – National Institute of Health and Medical Research, https://www.inserm.fr/en/home

IP – Intellectual Property

IPMA – The International Project Management Association develops project management competences in their geographic areas of influence as well as training organizations and consulting companies, https://ipma.world/

IPR – Intellectual Property Rights

IR – Institutional Research

IRB – Institutional Review Boards

IRIS project – Institutional Research Information Systems project

IUA – International Underwriting Association, https://www.iua.co.uk/
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**K**

KAUST – King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) in Saudi Arabia, https://www.kaust.edu.sa/en  
KE – Knowledge Exchange  
KM – Knowledge Mobilisation  
KOsRIS II – coordination of independent research institutes of Slovenia, https://www.kosris.si/kdo-smo/  
KT – Knowledge Transfer

**L**

L-ARMA – un-official association of research managers and administrators in Lithuania

**M**

MRC – Medical Research Council to fund research at the forefront of science to prevent illness, develop therapies and improve human health, https://www.ukri.org/councils/mrc/  
MUR – Ministry University and Research (Italy), https://www.mur.gov.it/it  

**N**

NARMA – Norwegian Association of Research Managers and Administrators, https://narma.no/  
NCAR – National Conference on the Administration of Research  
NCP – National Contact Point  
Non-RPO – Non Research Performing Organisations  
NORDP – National Organization of Research Development Professionals, to advance the global capacity for and impact of research by strengthening the practice and profession of research development., https://www.nordp.org/
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NTG – Next Tourism Generation Alliance, https://nexttourismgeneration.eu/
NUC – National Universities Commission is a government commission for promoting quality higher education in Nigeria, https://www.nuc.edu.ng/

O

OMB – Office of Management and Budget, https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/
OSTP – Office of Science and Technology Policy, https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/

P

PCAST – President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, https://www.whitehouse.gov/pcast/
PCF – Professional Competency Framework
PDF – Professional Development Framework
PI – Principal Investigator (leader of a research project)
PIC – Participant Identification Code (for EU Framework Programmes)
PloS – Professionals at the Interface of Science
PMBoK – Project Management Body of Knowledge
PMI – Project Management Institute, https://www.pmi.org.uk/
PMP® – Project Management Professional, a registered professional certification offered by Project Management Institute, https://www.pmi.org.uk/prof-development/professional-qualifications
POC – Proof Of Concept
POPIA – Protection of Personal Information Act
PraxisAuril – PraxisUnico supports the knowledge exchange and research commercialisation profession, https://www.praxisauril.org.uk/
Q
QEF – QEF’s mission is to safeguard the standards and enhance the quality of Icelandic higher education and the management of research activities, https://qef.is/

R
RASperS – Research Administration Stress Perception Survey (a series of surveys)
R&D – Research and Development
R&I – Research and Innovation
REAC – The Research Evaluation and Allocation Committee
RFP – Request for Proposals
R – Research Institution (broadly equivalent to an RPO)
RM ROADMAP – an EU funded project to create and inform a bottom-up consensus on the future of Research Management https://www.rmroadmap.eu/
RMA – Research Management and Administration (the occupation/profession/area)
ROI – Return on Investment
RPO – Research Performing Organisations
RSOs – Research Support Offices

S
SADC – Southern African Development Community, https://www.sadc.int/
SAM – Medical Shared Support Services at UNIBO, https://www.unibo.it/it/ateneo/organizzazione/ammnistratore-generale/3080
Sheik – An Arab leader, the chief or head of an Arab tribe, family, or village
Sheikha – A female member of a ruling Arab family
SNITTS – A non-profit member-driven organisation and a knowledge arena for actors in the academic innovation support system, https://www.snitts.se/
SNS – Science, Technology, and Innovation National Systems
SRA – Society for Research Administrators (now SRAI)
STI – Science, Technology, and Innovation
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T
TRANSFERA – a partnership platform for technology transfer within Czech universities providing assistance to academic research groups and facilitating communication with industry, https://portfolio.transfera.cz/en/technology-overview/

U
UNIBO – Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna, https://www.unibo.it/it
USAID – International development agency and a catalytic actor driving development results, https://www.usaid.gov/

V
V4 + WB Network – The network to strengthen the network of Researchers Managers and Administrators (RMAs) from Visegrad Four (V4) and Western Balkan (WB) countries, https://hetfa.eu/international-projects/v4wb-rmas/

W
WACMR – West African Council for Medical Research
WFH (USA) – World Federation of Haemophilia, https://wfh.org/usa/
WHO – World Health Organization, https://www.who.int/