

The Evolving Context for Research Administration

Federal and provincial policies for research funding and for the conduct of research have a profound influence on all activities within a Research Services Office (RSO). What used to be a one-person enterprise has turned into a large and complex operation that is central to the health of academic research. Understanding the landscape helps the research administrator guide researchers and institutions through the process of application, compliance and reporting.

How have the policies for funding and for research evolved over the years and why? Who makes decisions? What are the Canadian S&T advisory structures through which institutions and researchers can contribute their concerns and aspirations? What are the current “hot button” issues for research funding and the conduct of research. How does Canada measure up internationally? What might the October 19 election results mean for policies for science and how science informs policy in Canada?

In two linked presentations Janet Halliwell will explore the evolution of “science policy” in Canada (policy for science and science for policy), address the above questions, and reflect on what the future might hold!