



OKRA Resource Showcase

Annotated Agenda

Monday, April 6, 2026 (All times listed are EST)		
Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg Center (555 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001) Conference Room 820		
11.20 AM - 11.45 AM	Boxed Lunch/Check-In	
11.45 AM - 11.55 AM	Welcome by NIDDK <i>Robert Star, Deepak Nihalani and Ivonne Schulman</i>	
11.55 AM - 12.00 PM	Welcome and Review of Agenda <i>Amanda Anderson and Orlando Gutierrez, OKRA National Coordinating Center MPIs</i>	
12.00 PM - 12.15 PM	Overview of OKRA Consortium and Initiatives <i>Amanda Anderson, OKRA National Coordinating Center PI</i>	
12.15 PM - 12.50 PM	Overview of NRCs and Resources (5-7 Minutes per NRC) <i>NRC Representatives (Indiana, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, Northwestern)</i>	
12.50 PM - 1.05 PM	Presentation – “Tips from a Round 1 Opportunity Pool Awardee” <i>TBD</i>	
1.05 PM - 1.35 PM	Overview of NRCs and Resources (5-7 Minutes per NRC) <i>NRC Representatives (Pittsburgh, UAB-UCSD, WUSTL)</i>	
1.35 PM - 1.50 PM	Presentation – “Tips from a Round 1 Opportunity Pool Awardee” <i>TBD</i>	
1.50 PM - 2.05 PM	Coffee Break	
2.05 PM - 3.30 PM	ESIs: Break-Out Session #1 – Primary NRC Roundtable Discussions	Non-ESIs: Best Practices for Engaging with NRCs

3.30 PM - 4.00 PM	Presentation – “How to Write a Winning Proposal” <i>Jennifer Pollock, UAB</i>	
4.00 PM - 5.15 PM	ESIs: Break-Out Session #2 – Secondary NRC Discussions/Selected Topics	Non-ESIs: Established Investigator Opportunities
5.15 PM - 5.45 PM	OKRA Opportunity Pool Program and Training Activities <i>Amanda Anderson and Orlando Gutierrez, OKRA National Coordinating Center MPIs</i>	
5.45 PM - 6.00 PM	Meeting Wrap-Up	
6.00 PM - 7.00 PM	Reception	