

NACCA 2023 Program Matrix

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Session	Session Description - 1st Draft	Level of Education	Time	Category	Length (in minutes)	Prerequisites	Learning Objectives	Organizers	
Pre-Conference 1/2 Day Workshop: Tuesday, November 28th									
W1	Navigating the Fringe: A How-To Guide on Benefit Rates	Fringe benefit rates are more than just numbers; they are a critical aspect of financial planning and compliance in higher education. This session navigates the fringe of benefit rates, providing insights into calculations, compliance challenges, institutional policies, and strategic considerations. Engage in hands-on scenarios, spirited discussions, and deep analyses with leading experts in the field. If you're looking to elevate your understanding of fringe benefit rates to the next level, this session will guide you through the complexities with clarity and confidence.	Beginner Intermediate Advanced	1:00 - 5:00	Costing	240	Basic understanding of the F&A process	Learn the basics of the Fringe Benefit calculation including the carryforward. •Learn the advantages and disadvantages of pooled fringe benefit rates vs. specific identification•Learn from experts current issues in Fringe Benefit negotiations and their personal University experiences. •Learn how to implement and model Fringe Benefit rates at your institution	
Day 1 - General Conference: Wednesday, November 29th									
<i>WELCOME TO NACCA - Las Vegas Together Again!</i>			8:00 - 8:15	Introductions and Information	15			Welcome - Housekeeping and Sp	
1	Preparing for Your Base Year	In the constantly evolving landscape of higher education finance, understanding your Facilities & Administrative (F&A) rate base year is paramount. This intermediate session offers a comprehensive guide to methodologies, planning strategies, and key regulatory considerations. Dive into the world of F&A rates with expert guidance and engage in hands-on exercises. Navigate the twists and turns of base-year preparation like a pro!	Intermediate	8:15 - 9:15	F&A - IDC Costing	60	Knowledge of 2 CFR, Part 200, Basic understanding of the R&A process.	Understanding how to plan, monitor, and complete the F&A cost proposal and what are the different phases of the project. What resources are needed for the project and how to communicate and engage with senior management.	Shelly
2	Building and Retaining a Team During Resignation and Retirement High Tide	The modern workplace faces unprecedented levels of staff turnover. In a sea of resignations and retirements, how do you build and retain a committed team in higher education? This beginner-friendly session explores succession planning, positive work environments, and employee engagement strategies. As the captain of your team's ship, discover the tools to steer through choppy waters with confidence.	Beginner	9:15 - 10:00	F&A - IDC Costing	45	None		CHEA
<i>Refreshment Break</i>									
3	Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) Update	Stay ahead of the curve with the latest updates and developments from the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR). This session provides insights into policy shifts, legislative changes, and compliance challenges that directly impact higher education. Engage in interactive discussions and bring your burning questions. Join us for an insider's tour that leaves no stone unturned!	Update	10:30 - 11:30	Multi-topic Session	60	None	Participants will have a better understanding fo COGR's mission, Participants will discuss and develop a better understanding of COGR's current activities and priorities and its strategies for addressing potential problematic Federal requirements, particularly those related to costing and cost reimbursement, Share knowledge of current compliance issues	COGR Rep
4	Asset Management/ Trends	Capital assets play a critical role in shaping the financial health of higher education institutions. In this intermediate session, we'll explore current trends, best practices, and strategic investments in capital asset management. Uncover innovative financial planning techniques and regulatory considerations through real-world examples. The game of Capital Asset Management has never been more thrilling!	Intermediate	11:30 - 12:30	F&A - IDC Costing	45	Basic knowledge of fixed asset cost accounting and F&A indirect cost calculations.	Discuss how to implement asset and space best practices. Learn how to maximize the depreciation components of the F&A proposal. Demonstrate how accurate information canlower risks, increase recoveries, and provide, additional useful data for the institution	
<i>Lunch</i>									
5	NSF Herd Survey - Update	The National Science Foundation's Higher Education Research and Development (HERD) Survey is vital in understanding research expenditure. This beginner-friendly exploration provides insights into the latest findings and their implications for funding, policy, and institutional strategies. Learn through engaging facts, figures, and interactive discussions. Become an NSF HERD enthusiast!	Beginner	1:45 - 2:45	Compliance/Audit	60	Some familiarity or experience with the HERD survey will be helpful	Content and coverage of the NSF HERD survey, HERD data output and availability, Updates on the 2024 HERD Survey	Sharon & Chea
6	The effect of remote work flexibility on university research admins, precetption of overall job satisfaction and work-to-family conflict	Working from home is a current hot topic issue for research administrators. Data to describe the effect of remote work in the research administration population was collected to better understand how this work modality can generate benefits for this subsection of the IHE workforce. Come to this session to learn how research administrators really feel about remote work.	Intermediate	2:45 - 3:30	Multi-Topic Session	45	None	Explain the changes to the research administrator's work location that are happening across the US •Articulate the benefits derived from a research administrator working remotely at least some of the time •Understand the measures used to evaluate the reported benefits	Julie
<i>Refreshment Break</i>									
7	Impacts to F&A Bottom Line Given Remote Work	Remote work is redefining the way we approach Facilities & Administrative costs in higher education. This advanced session delves into high-level analyses of the challenges, opportunities, and adaptations required. Engage in scenario analyses, and spirited discussions. Decode the mystery and discover the future of remote work in F&A.	Advanced	4:00 - 5:00	F&A - IDC Costing	60	Basic understanding of the F&A rate proposal preparation and negotiation process.	Remote work has in many ways changed the way higher education institutions operate, particularly in the research and administration realms, creating new challenges and opportunities related to F&A costs. Our presentation will be aimed at helping individuals at higher education institutions identify these challenges and opportunities. The discussion will first uncover the areas at higher	Kim
<i>Vendor Fair</i>									
			5:30 - 7:00		75				

Day 2 - General Conference: Thursday, November 30th									
	Announcements			8:15 - 8:30					
8	How to Talk the Talk About IDC with Institutional Stake Holders, knowing your Executive priorities & managing expectations	Communicating Indirect Costs (IDC) effectively with executive stakeholders is a crucial skill. This intermediate session equips you with the language, strategies, and confidence to align priorities within the regulatory framework of higher education. Through lively discussions, get ready to talk the talk and walk the walk!	Intermediate	8:30 - 9:30	F&A - IDC Costing	60	Basic understanding of Uniform Guidance, cost principles, F&A cost proposal development and regulatory compliance requirements		Julie
9	DHHS - CAS Update	Stay abreast of the Department of Health and Human Services' cost allocation services with this advanced session. Uncover the latest changes, compliance requirements, and strategies for implementation. Engage with leading experts, ask questions, and explore scenarios. If you're a fan of deep dives and intricacies, this session is your treasure trove.	Advanced	9:30 - 10:15	Federal	60	Knowledge of 2 CFR, Part 200 - The Uniform Guidance, Appendix III	Participants will receive updates on the CAS team activities. Participants will gain knowledge about current issues impacting F&A rate proposals and negotiations	Sharon & Chea
	Refreshment Break			10:15 - 10:45					
10	Panel on what drives your policy (majority of where your funding comes from)	What drives funding policy in your institution? Engage in a lively panel discussion with representatives from universities with funding primarily from agencies like HHS, NSF, USDA, DOD, etc. This advanced session offers deep insights, debates, and a roadmap to the future of funding policy. Explore collaborations, compliance, and policy innovations. Buckle up for a thrilling policy drive!	Intermediate	10:45 - 11:45	Compliance/Audit	60	Basic understanding of Uniform Guidance, cost principles, F&A cost proposal development and regulatory compliance requirements	Understand key agencies that fund universities	Danielle
	Lunch			11:45 - 1:00		75			
11	Service Centers	The creation and management of federally chargeable service centers are essential in today's higher education landscape. This beginner-friendly session offers a step-by-step guide to compliance, budgeting, and operational considerations. Let's build something amazing together!	Intermediate	1:00 - 2:15	F&A - IDC Costing	75	Knowledge of 2 CFR, Part 200 - The Uniform Guidance, Subpart E	• Best practice to develop a new policy or revise institution's current policy • Routine review process and requirements • Key considerations when accepting external customers • Recommended billing practice	Shelly
	Refreshment Break			2:15 - 2:30		30			
12	Extreme Makeover: Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200 Edition - Proposed Revisions	On October 5, 2023, OMB published a proposal for a fundamental rewrite the Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200. The White House announced that "the proposal will materially decrease the burden on recipients of Federal financial assistance, advance equity and job growth across the country, and meaningfully improve the administration of Federal financial assistance." This session will highlight the proposed changes and their impact on grant administration.	Intermediate	2:30 - 3:15	Federal	45	Knowledge of 2 CFR, Part 200 - The Uniform Guidance	Learn (1) general purpose of 2 CFR Uniform Guidance, (2) major proposed revisions, (3) their potential impacts and (4) their effective dates	Gil Tran, Senior Specialist Leader, Attain - OMB Emeritus
13	University Panel	Universities unite for a panel discussion that spans all skill levels. Engage in dynamic conversations that tackle key challenges, opportunities, and the future of higher education. From fresh-faced novices to seasoned veterans, this session brings together diverse perspectives for a rich and enlightening experience. Shape the future together!	All Levels	3:15 - 4:30	Multi-topic Session	75	None	Discuss sponsor guidance to these issues	Sharon & Chea
	Announcements			4:30					
Day 3 - General Conference: Friday, December 1st									
14	Implementations - Lesson Learned	Implementing new systems or processes in higher education doesn't have to be daunting. This beginner-friendly session reflects on lessons learned, challenges overcome, and strategies for future success. Lively Discussion. Pack your curiosity and embark on a journey filled with enlightenment and excitement.	Beginner	8:30 - 9:00	Financial/Post Award/Business Operations	45			Danielle
15	ONR	Join us for important updates from the ONR and come with your questions for an interactive session.	Intermediate	9:00 - 9:30	Federal	30	Participants should be aware of ONR's mission and structure as a Federal funding agency - as well as their role as a cognizant agency in the oversight and management of funding.	Participants will gain information on general from ONR officials.	
	Refreshment Break			9:30 - 10:00					
16	Federal Panel	The federal universe is vast and complex. Navigate it with the guidance of a stellar panel of federal representatives. This intermediate session bridges the gap between policy and practice, exploring regulations, collaborations, and compliance in higher education. Engage in spirited debates and interactive discussions. Join us for a journey through the federal cosmos!	Intermediate	10:00 - 12:00	Federal	90	Knowledge of 2 CFR, Part 200 - The Uniform Guidance, Appendix III	Participants will directly interact with federal agency representatives on indirect and direct costing practices. Participants will gain deep insights to federal costing and regulatory positions. Participants will obtain direct responses and information to their questions to better clarify stewardship responsibilities	Sharon & Chea
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