

ARMA 2025: Themes for Call for Abstracts



1. Artificial Intelligence (AI)

1. **Using AI in Research Management:** Automating administrative tasks and improving resource allocation.
2. **AI in Grant Writing and Assessment:** Enhancing efficiency and accuracy in funding applications.
3. **Ethical Considerations of AI:** Addressing the ethical implications of AI in research management.
4. **AI's Role in Research Funding Operations:** Exploring AI's potential in funding and operational processes.
5. **Practical Uses of AI:** Implementing AI tools to streamline research management tasks.

2. Ethics and Sustainability

1. **Environmental Sustainability:** Incorporating sustainability goals into research strategies.
2. **Safeguarding in International Research:** Ensuring ethical practices in cross-border collaborations.
3. **Financial Sustainability:** Managing resources effectively to support long-term research goals.
4. **Embedding EDI in Research Management:** Integrating ethical considerations into research practices.
5. **Navigating Institutional Changes:** Adapting to evolving ethical standards and sustainability requirements.

3. Impact and Public Engagement

1. **Cultivating an Impact Culture:** Developing strategies to embed impact within research practices.
2. **Evaluating Impact:** Implementing robust methods for assessing the impact of research.
3. **Engagement with Public Policy and Industry:** Strengthening connections with policymakers and industry stakeholders.
4. **REF2029 Preparation:** Focusing on impact, environment and culture indicators for the next REF cycle.
5. **Community Engagement:** Ensuring research addresses real-world problems through active community involvement.

4. International and Interdisciplinary Collaborations

1. **Engagement with Global Communities:** Building partnerships with the Global South and other regions.
2. **Supporting Equitable Partnerships:** Ensuring fairness in international research collaborations.
3. **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Finding funding and integrating arts, humanities and social sciences.
4. **Building Relationships with Funding Agencies:** Strengthening ties with key funding bodies.
5. **Trusted Research and Due Diligence:** Navigating legal and ethical challenges in international research.

5. Post-Award and Project Management

1. **Effective Project Management:** Utilising tools and strategies for successful project execution.
2. **Financial Management and Reporting:** Ensuring compliance and transparency in financial practices.

3. **Working across Professional Support Functions:** Collaborating with legal, HR and finance departments.
 4. **Utilising Research Management Systems:** Leveraging digital tools for efficiency.
 5. **Adapting to Changing Regulations:** Staying compliant with evolving policies and standards.
- 6. Research Culture and Environment**
1. **Developing a Supportive Research Culture:** Addressing challenges and sharing best practices.
 2. **Role of Research Management Professionals in Shaping Culture:** Highlighting the influence of research management professionals on research culture.
 3. **Embedding EDI in Research:** Promoting equality, diversity and inclusion within research environments.
 4. **Enhancing Research Career Pathways:** Creating supportive environments for career development.
 5. **Concordats and their Role:** Understanding the significance of concordats in shaping research culture.
- 7. Research Development**
1. **Funder Strategies and Opportunities:** Understanding the impact of government directives on funding.
 2. **Supporting Collaborative Research:** Promoting interdisciplinary and international partnerships.
 3. **Managing Internal Funding Schemes:** Efficiently allocating and overseeing internal research funds.
 4. **Change Management and Process Improvement:** Enhancing research development processes.
 5. **Role of RMAs in Sectoral Consultations:** Engaging with stakeholders to shape research policies.
- 8. Research Managers and Administrators' Professional Development**
1. **Career Development Opportunities:** Providing pathways for professional growth within the research management community.
 2. **Building Networks and Sharing Best Practices:** Fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among research management professionals.
 3. **Establishing Research Management as a Recognised Profession:** Advocating for the formal recognition of research management.
 4. **Addressing Workload and Wellbeing:** Promoting mental health and work-life balance for research management professionals.
 5. **Professional Development Pathways:** Creating structured development programmes for research management professionals.
- 9. Research Strategy and Horizon Scanning**
1. **Developing Research and Innovation Strategies:** Navigating financial constraints while fostering innovation.
 2. **Change Management and Process Improvement:** Enhancing efficiency and adaptability in research management.
 3. **Preparing for REF2029 and Beyond:** Anticipating future challenges and opportunities.
 4. **Environmental and Financial Sustainability:** Integrating sustainability into research strategies.
 5. **Future Challenges for Research Management Professionals:** Addressing sectoral consultations and evolving research landscapes.