

# Creating an Environment for Researchers to Flourish

~ Supporting world-class researchers to create world-class research in the UK ~

## Lecturer

### Dr. Janet Metcalfe, Head of Vitae, UK



Japan's World Premier International Research Center Initiative (WPI) asks its grantees to build and operate centers that are "globally visible", feature an exceptional research standard, and strive for a forward-thinking global research environment. The International Research Center for Neurointelligence (IRCN), a WPI center launched in 2017 is committed to these principles. As one strategy to achieve the mission, IRCN will establish a foundation for supporting researcher development to enable their world class research performance. In this seminar, we are pleased to share best practice in research environment design with the UK-based Vitae program.

### About Vitae

UK university research institutions have concluded an agreement called Concordat that shares the principles of researcher career support and management. "Vitae" is a program that provides Concordat with a high level of transferable skill training, and is running the central role of Concordat. The predecessor of the "Vitae" program is GRADschool, which was established in 1968 under the British Institute of Engineering Physics, and the program has been scrutinized over the past half century history. "Vitae" is now used not only in the UK but also in over 160 universities in Europe and Oceania, leading the research staff's self-development, professional development and career development.

### About lecturer

Dr Janet Metcalfe is the Head of Vitae, committed to providing world-class career and professional development for researchers. She is responsible for the strategic direction of Vitae and leads on the implementation of the UK Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers. She is an experienced trainer and delivered 'Preparing for academic leadership' and 'Toward success of your research career' at Kyoto University and Hiroshima University. Janet was a member of the European Commission's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Advisory Group and the Royal Society Diversity Committee from 2014-17. Her publications include the 'What do researchers do?' series of publications exploring the landscape of researchers' careers and their impact. Her latest publication is What do research staff do next?, on the career paths of research staff who leave European universities to work in other employment sectors and occupations. She has recently completed a project on the mental health and wellbeing of doctoral researchers in the UK.



## Date

Fri. Feb 15, 2019, 10:00-11:00

## Registration

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## Venue

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