In the current era of Big Data, sharing of and access to research data have become integral to our faculty’s research programs. Federal agencies have recognized the importance of resource and data sharing to enhance the ultimate value of Federally-funded research and have implemented (and continue to implement) various data sharing policies and requirements. Many types of research data may be shared freely between research institutions; however, in certain scenarios or for certain types of data, the involved parties must first enter into an agreement to govern the transfer and use of the data.

This session will cover the factors to be considered in determining whether an agreement is needed, the core elements of a Data Transfer and Use Agreement (DTUA), and additional terms that should be added for a few common data types. This session will also touch upon regulatory developments that are leading to increases in the volume of this type of agreement.”