In May 2020, RCP launched an online event series to share our insights and lead discussions on a range of topics of interest to graduate students, early career faculty, established researchers, state funding agency staff, and university academic administrators.

Over researchers and administrators attended the first three events in May, June, and July. The first five events discussed Lessons Learned from 10,000 Proposal Reviews: Top Reviewer Criticisms and How to Avoid Them (held twice due to high demand), Overview of Peer-review Process Design for State and University Grant Competitions, Designing Evaluation Plans for Research Projects to Strengthen Implementation and Outcomes, and Being an Excellent Proposal Reviewer: Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Service to the Community. Live webinar attendees at the first three events came from 225 different institutions: 192 academic institutions in the US (Figure 1); 18 businesses and government agencies in the US; and 18 academic institutions abroad. On-demand versions of all five webinars are available on our [events page](#).

![Figure 1.Map showing locations of institutions represented by attendees at our first three webinars](#)

Coming up in August, we will host a third instance of our Lessons from 10,000 Proposal Reviews webinar, as well as two events on new topics. Our café discussion on Rebooting Your Research Program will explore elements to consider when restarting research projects that are on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and will feature speakers with experience restarting labs after other disruptions such as Hurricane Katrina and government shutdowns. Finally, our 30-minute webinar on paper authorship will cover a decision tree that can be used in deciding who can be listed as the author of peer-reviewed research publication.
All events thus far have been free and open to the public. We encourage you to check our website or LinkedIn in late August to register for our fall events.