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**The USER: Utilizing Scientific Environments for Research<sup>1</sup>**

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A lot of hard work goes into submitting a proposal for access to equipment in our nation's top science research facilities. It seems the biggest focus for a facility USER should be on the acceptance of the proposal, however, the job of a facility USER actually begins after the acceptance letter arrives. In order to make the most of the awarded experiment time and cultivate collaborations for the future, facility USERS need to look beyond the proposal. From experiment scheduling to arrival to data analysis the entire USER experience is valuable and worth doing well. This presentation will discuss best practices for facility USERS and highlight successful USER collaborations at ORNL's High Flux Isotope Reactor.

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