

EURAXESS UK Webinar: Women in Research 12 March 2024

Panel Members



Clare Viney, CEO, Careers Research and Advisory Centre. CSci CChem FRSC
A strategic leader with over 20 years' career and professional development experience, Clare took up the role of Chief Executive Officer of CRAC-Vitae in October 2016 and is a Chartered Scientist and Chemist with extensive experience in the science community and not-for-profit sector. She is passionate about investing in future generations and those from diverse backgrounds and experiences, empowering people to realise their potential and achieve their career and development goals. <https://www.crac.org.uk/>



Elizabeth Pollitzer, founder-director of Portia (since 2001) and of Gender Summit (since 2011) with the mission to advance gender equality in science and prevent gender bias in research outcomes. <https://www.portiaweb.org.uk/>



Jen Bardsley, Global Head of Science, British Council. Jen joined the British Council in 2019 and has led on the international portfolio of science programmes since then. Her career includes research development, archaeological science and working at the UK's national synchrotron light source. <https://www.britishcouncil.org/education/he-science>



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D Sangeeta, Founder & CEO, Gotara. I go by Sangeeta. Three year ago I left the corporate world after more than two decades to launch my tech-startup, “Gotara” an AI/ML enabled platform where business leadership is accelerated for technical talent. At Gotara, we provide confidential 24/7 nanolearning opportunities based on the latest research and insights from influential STEM leaders so we can close the gender gap and give women in STEM the much-needed equity.

Prior to Gotara I had several c-suite roles at Amazon, Nielsen and GE across Technology, Retail, Market Research, Aviation, Energy, Automotive, and Electronics industried, in the field of Data Science, Marketing, Diversity, Engineering, Research & Development, Operations, Risk Management, and Quality. I have a Ph.D. in Materials Chemistry from the University of Illinois, and M.S. in Chemistry from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur. I authored two books and have 27 patents to my name. I was recognized through the Nielsen CEO award, the National Women of Color Technology Award (twice), and the GE Latimer Innovation Award.