

Transforming Research Management Update

May 2014

As someone with an interest in the Transforming Research Management project, we would like to share with you an update on progress. This information is also available on our new look project website.

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/staff/transformingresearchmanagement/>

The project aims to deliver significant improvements to research management support provided to academics across the entire University. The primary objective is to deliver an improved end to end research management support process. To achieve this we are implementing a new system, designing dedicated job roles and structures (organisation design) and developing new operational procedures

Current Status

Organisation Design

At the moment we are still in discussion with College and University Services representatives about the organisation design. The focus is on defining new research management support roles and structures across the University. This involves detailed analysis of current and potential future activity towards achieving the University's vision.

Good progress has been made so far and we are grateful for the significant contribution made by College and University Services representatives. The Project Board recognises the significance of this stage and so it is important that for now we continue to gather feedback and comment so that we take a thorough approach before moving on to the next stage. We would like to thank you very much for your patience during this phase. When we have concluded these discussions we will be sharing our thoughts and plans more widely and will welcome further comment.

Systems Implementation

The system developments to enable the "cradle to grave" research management support processes have now been installed. The in-house configuration and build of the system will be a step by step process. From May to September, we are inviting key people to test and review areas of the functionality to ensure that these meet requirements and enable the end to end process. We also plan to carry out informal testing with users using current research scenarios before we undertake more formal user acceptance testing after the build stage is complete.

Any Questions?

We are looking at ways we can involve staff in the project and welcome your feedback. If you have any questions or concerns about the proposed changes, please speak to your manager, view up to date information on our website or contact us directly at transforming-research-management@glasgow.ac.uk

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Kind regards,

The TRM Project Team

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