### RMS System Release Notes – February 2015

The Research Management System was updated February 2015 to include minor changes, new functionality and a bug fix.

#### 1. Funder Page & External Participant Page

A new policy was released by the Finance Directorate in November 2014 for costing and pricing for commercially funded research. As such, the funder cost headings page has been updated to enable input of the costing model chosen for grants and contracts that meet the relevant criteria.

Options for price model selection are:

100% fEC + 10%

100% fEC + 30%

100% fEC + other% [mandatory input of a

number if Other is

selected]

Other Price (not 100% fEC plus)

Framework Agreement

Not applicable [mandatory input of

comments box when this is selected, eg  $\,$ 

"non-commercial"]



The RMS will prompt users to choose a price model where a funder has one of the following HESA catgories (predominantly industry related), and has been logged on the RMS as 'Inprep' on or later than 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014:

UK Industry, Commerce and Public Corporations

EU Industry, Commerce and Public Corporations

**EU Other** 

Non-EU Industry, Commerce and Public Corporations

Non-EU Other

Faculty approval form templates should have been updated to capture this new **mandatory** item and it should simply be a case of reinputting information from the approval form onto the RMS.

N.B. Users should note that additional rules have been added in the RMS for this page and you may be prompted to input information before you can award a record. There are no system rules for External Participant page input.

### Related reading material:

The Finance Directorate's guidance document relating to this policy can be found here: http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/services/finance/trac-fec/guidance-documents/

The Finance Directorate's training presentations can be found here: <a href="http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/services/finance/trac-fec/copies-of-presentations/">http://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/services/finance/trac-fec/copies-of-presentations/</a>

#### 2. Front page

- 2.1 All users will be able to change the Actual/Expected Start Date at any point after an application is awarded. Previously this field was frozen on award.
- A new button called Workflow Log is live for super users only. However, only the contracts admin team in RBESS will input to this screen to log various contract stages.

Please do not input to this screen if you have super-user access but are not a member of RBESS.

2.3 Two new application types have been added to the 'Type' field.

**FRAME RES** (Framework Agreement – Research) **FRAME NR** (Framework Agreement Non Research)

**Both types are for contracts only and as such are** only **to be used by the contracts team in RBESS**. Neither of these types will interface to Oracle Financials.

# 3. Investigator Page

- 3.1 All users will be able to amend the Research Group and Research Division fields for investigators at any point after a record is awarded. Previously these fields were frozen on award. The School field will remain frozen on award.
- 3.2 A UoA 2014 field has been added alongside the previous UoA data. This data will be loaded in the future from HR and will remain view only to all users.

# 4. PdF Report

The report has been updated to include individual funder cost heading breakdown details.

# 5. Status History Box

A time stamp will appear alongside the date a status was changed.

# 6. Bug Fix

After an **awarded** record is retrieved following a search, the error message relating to inactive/missing accounts in Oracle Financials will no longer display.