

The University of Manchester
7th Research Support Conference

Renold Building
(Altrincham Street, off Sackville Street)
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Abstracts

Parallel Session 1

(101) University Pricing Policy Implementation (*Kris Matykiewicz, Head of Business Engagement, RBESS and Mel Lythgo, Head of Cost Accounting*)

The University has adopted a revised policy for price negotiations with research partners. This session will discuss the background and objectives of the policy and principles of implementation across faculties and give you the chance to ask questions.

(102) Impact Capture and Pathways to Impact guidance and support (*Judith Gracey, Knowledge Transfer and Impact Coordinator and Dr Deborah Bentley, Research Support Manager, Faculty of Life Sciences*)

This session will have a focus on:

- Collecting impact-related evidence and data across Faculties.
- Guidelines and support for researchers applying for Pathways to Impact Funding.
- An overview of Pathways to Impact support in FLS.

(103) Research Project Lifecycle in the Faculty of Humanities (*Jared Ruff, Senior Research Manager and Jonathan Starbrook, RSS Delivery Team Manager, Faculty of Humanities*)

This session will give an overview of an ongoing project in the Faculty of Humanities which looks into the research project lifecycle to better understand the processes and procedures of research administration and handovers of research projects.

Parallel Session 2

(201) N8 Equipment Sharing (*Mel Lythgo, Head of Cost Accounting and Dr. Nick Goldspink Project Manager, N8 Research Partnership*)

The N8 Research Partnership has now established a shared equipment database and published an Equipment Sharing toolkit to help HEIs deal with the practicalities of sharing equipment. This session will provide further detail on how we can benefit from these tools and will also explore opportunities for potential collaborative work.

(202) Business Engagement and Knowledge Exchange Overview *(Caroline Stanton, Knowledge Exchange Manager, Shanta Aphale, Business Engagement Manager and Saqab Rasul, SME and KE Manager)*

The session will provide an overview of the Business Engagement Support Team including;

- Team structure and roles
- Interactions with internal and external networks
- Useful tools and information for RSS staff when signposting academics
- Overview of the Knowledge Exchange funding landscape and support available
- SME Engagement
- Q&A

(203) Research Services in the Library *(Emma Thomson, Research Services Manager and Scott Taylor, Research Services Librarian, The University of Manchester Library)*

Find out how the Research Services Team can help you and the researchers in your area:

- Communicate research outputs to the widest possible audience through eScholar and Open Access
- Comply with funder requirements for Open Access and Research Data Management
- Analyse citations using SciVal
- Discover business and financial data

Parallel Session 3

(301) Horizon 2020 Participant Portal *(Liz Fay, European Funding and Development Manager)*

This interactive session will provide an update on Horizon2020 and give delegates an overview of the EC participant portal. This will be a workshop style session where delegates are encouraged to contribute and share their experience of the first Horizon2020 call and using the portal.

(302) New Accounting Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) – what it means for the University *(Jill Roberts, Financial Controller)*

A huge change in external financial reporting is about to hit the Higher Education sector as a whole. The whole basis of reporting year end accounts will change to bring it more into line with international reporting standards over the next couple of years, and it will have a massive effect on how are finances are reported on a year to year basis, resulting we anticipate in much more volatility in income and expenditure through the accounts. Although the impact is still being assessed, this session will look to consider the possible effect on such issues:

- How will the University's overall accounts be affected?
- What will the impact be specifically on key numbers such as total income, total research income and surplus?

- What might the impact be on league tables?
- What will the impact be for an individual budget holder in a school, who may for example have received some donations in a year, but not have spent them?
- What might the impact be when we have to submit our more highly volatile accounts to external funders to support grant applications as is often the case?

While this session will not have all the answers to these questions, it will be an opportunity to start to highlight the questions and the direction of travel!

(303) HR RSS Update (*Lesley Clements, Recruitment and Resourcing Manager, HR Services*)

This session will cover developments and changes in HR processes for the recruitment of research staff at the University and look at how HR and RSS staff work together to support the recruitment process effectively.