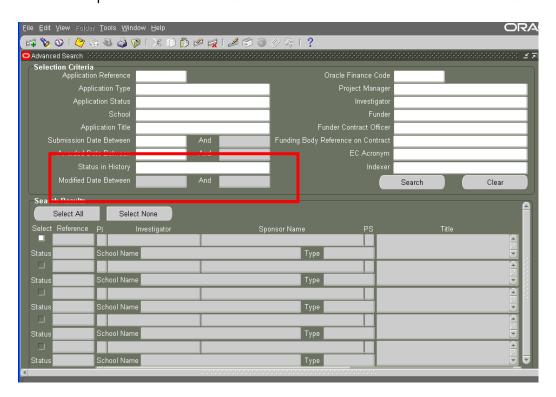**RMS System Release notes – April 2009**

The Research Management System will be updated on 15th April 2009 to include more search options in the Advanced Search, changes in the Investigators screen to help improve the data quality held on the Investigators screen and a change in the Funders screen to flag when the account for that Funder is active or not.

1.   Advanced Search

You are now able to search for projects by EC Acronym, Indexer and the date the record was updated to each status. The records are retrieved newest to oldest.

To search on the date the record was updated to its status (eg. INPREP, AWARD etc), select the status you want to search on and entered the exact date or date range you want to retrieve.

2.   Investigators Screen

2(a)   Credit split
You can only input an investigator once on each RMS record. If the person has a split appointment, this should be reflected in the credit split box.

When a School is selected for an Investigator, only approved Research Divisions and Research Groups belonging to that School can be selected against that Investigator.

The credit split box will default to the lowest level input against the Investigator. School is the highest level, Division is the middle level and Group is the lowest level. If changes are made to the School/Division/Group and the Investigator has a credit split

that is split more than once then you will be prompted to allocate the correct credit split.
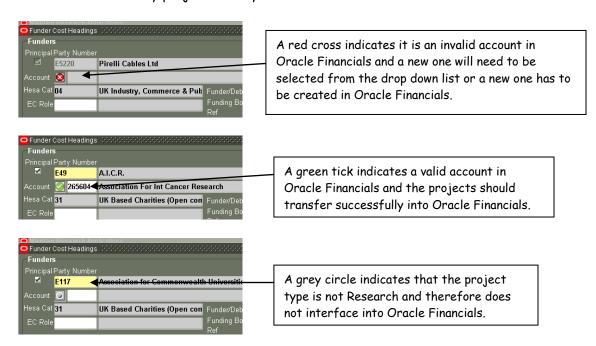
2(b)   FTE

The system will only allow the correct format for FTE's to be entered. FTE should be a value of no more than 1.00 with a maximum of 2 decimal places eg. 10% time should be recorded as 0.10 FTE.

2(c)   UoA

The field for UoA2008 is now read only and will be updated by the information held in Resourcelink for each Investigator.

3   Funders Screen

When a Research project is set to Award it triggers the interface to create an R code in Oracle Financials. If the account selected in the RMS is no longer active in Sales Ledger then this will fail the interface. Each account will now show a flag it's validity in Oracle Financials. Any project already awarded do not need to be amended.

A red cross indicates it is an invalid account in Oracle Financials and a new one will need to be selected from the drop down list or a new one has to be created in Oracle Financials.

A green tick indicates a valid account in Oracle Financials and the projects should transfer successfully into Oracle Financials.

A grey circle indicates that the project type is not Research and therefore does not interface into Oracle Financials.

For further advise and guidance on using the RMS a full user guide will be available at http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/researchoffice/guides/
alternatively please email any queries to the Research Operations Team on edsmail@manchester.ac.uk