

University of Manchester
Research Support Conference**Manchester Interdisciplinary Biocentre**
(The John Garside Building)
Tuesday 21st June 2011**Abstracts****Parallel Session 1****101 Changes in the arrangements for purchasing and managing research equipment post Wakeham, Mel Lythgo & George Whalley (Finance Directorate)**

The session will look at the Wakeham Review, cuts to Government funding and the subsequent changes imposed by the Research Councils.

The procedure under the new rules will be outlined in detail including the different requirements based on the level of equipment spend.

A discussion of current and future sharing of assets with other HEIs.

The new annual review process for separately designated research facilities under TRAC.

102 An Introduction to Contracts and the Interaction of the Contracts Team with Research Administration, Lisa Murphy & Sam Bibby (Research Office)

This session will provide an overview of the functions of the Contracts Team including its remit and structure. It will cover the basic elements of contract law and provide guidance to Research Administrators on their role in ensuring that the University adequately protects itself throughout the contractual negotiation process. It will conclude with how we can work together to ensure the contractual negotiation process runs smoothly and there will be an opportunity to ask the Contracts Team any questions you may have.

103 MaDAM & eScholar-supporting the researcher in managing research outputs, Scott Taylor (eScholarship Analyst, John Rylands University Library) & June Finch (MeRC Programme Manager and MaDAM Project Manager)

MaDAM (Manchester Research Data Management) is a JISC-funded project introducing a Research Data Management Service for pilot users at the University. It provides support for individual researchers to organise and share their data within their research group; and through links with Manchester eScholar provides support for archiving and dissemination of research data.

Manchester eScholar is the University of Manchester's institutional repository. Its mission is to sustain and enhance the research reputations of individuals and organisations affiliated with the University. We encourage University researchers to deposit a copyright cleared version of their publications in Manchester eScholar. Once deposited Manchester eScholar ensures the research is preserved for future generations and disseminated as widely as possible. This maximises the visibility of, access to and impact of the University's research.

This session will explore the context of MaDAM and the benefits to the researcher and institution of research data management. It will explain how Manchester eScholar supports MaDAM and demonstrate some of its core dissemination features.

Parallel Session 2

201 **Everything you ever wanted to know about TRAC and fEC and were too shy to ask,** *Mel Lythgo (Finance Directorate)*

An explanation of TRAC (Transparent Approach to Costing) and Full Economic Costing and how the two fit together. What do we mean by Full Economic Costing?

A look at how the TRAC model works and where our research rates come from with information on what's included in the rates and what's not in there.

A summary of our TRAC Results for 09-10 and how we compare to the sector
Our plans going forward and likely future trends in funding.

Anything else that you ever wanted to know about TRAC/fEC but were too afraid to ask!

202 **Integrating Research Computing into the Support Process,** *Robin Pinning, Michael Bane & Mary McDerby (IT Services for Research)*

Support of research computing in a modern university requires increasing integration between research administration and research computing support teams, areas that until now have largely been separate. We will summarise how this is changing and will use management of research data by way of a case study.

Funding bodies increasingly mandate grant-holders to develop and maintain a Data Management Plan. MaDAM is a JISC funded pilot-study that has been working with researchers in the Life Sciences and Medical School to develop the first step in what will become a university-wide research data management service. This talk will discuss how we are linking the MaDAM system with the University's Research Management System in order to ensure that compliance is adhered to.

203 **Recent Developments in Graduate Education,** *Helen Baker & Liz Venn (Research Office)*

The past twelve months have seen a number of changes in the management of graduate education. From developments in eProg, to the new President's Scholar and EPSRC Doctoral Prize schemes and the creation of the new Manchester Doctoral College, this session will provide an update on the major developments in graduate education at the University of Manchester.

Parallel Session 3

301 **Directorate of Research & Business Engagement Support Services Update,** *Lita Denny (Research Office)*

To provide an overview of the changes that have taken place over the last few months within the research office, how the office is now structured and what developments can be expected over the next few months.

302 **Staff Development,** *Stephanie Walters (Staff Development)*

An overview of courses available and an opportunity to discuss any training and development needs if courses not already offered.

303 Introduction to Research Governance, Ethics and Integrity, April Lockyer (Research Office)

This presentation will provide an introduction to the newly formed Research Governance and Integrity Team in the Directorate of Research and Business Engagement Support Services, explaining the role of the team and the type of support it offers. It will provide an overview of the University's responsibilities in relation to research governance, paying particular attention to its statutory obligations and ethical requirements of research involving humans. Finally it will give a brief outline of the University's Code of Good Research Conduct and the process for handling any concerns about research misconduct.

Parallel Session 4

401 Financial Regulations, Laurence Clarke (Finance Directorate)

The University's Financial Regulations and Procedures set out how financial transactions should be handled across the University. They aim to ensure good financial management for all areas, including research. The UK Research Councils, HEFCE and other funding bodies require the University to ensure proper financial management of research grants and full accountability for the use of public funds, so this is an important facet of research administration.

402 Preparing for REF, Andrew Walsh (Research Office)

This session will provide an introduction to the Research Excellence Framework and the University's preparation for its submissions to this significant national exercise. A new element of assessment for REF will relate to the social, economic and cultural *impact* of research. The session will include guidance on the nature of this assessment element and the rules concerning the likely eligibility of potential impact case studies.

403 Researcher Development: Stakeholder expectations and their implications for supporting PGRs and Research Staff in the acquisition of transferable skills, Mark Leech (Research Office)

The University is committed to delivering high quality researcher development (previously the Roberts agenda) to both postgraduate researchers (PGRs) and research staff in order to maintain a national and international reputation that attracts the best students and researchers. Critically, this has to be one that aligns with the expectations of key funders and external stakeholders (RCUK, UK government, the EU etc) as well as the University's Research Strategy.

This session will provide important updates regarding:

1. The mechanisms and opportunities for transferable skills training at the University, including models of delivery to students registered in DTCs;
2. The Researcher Development Framework, the RCUK's new framework for transferable skills training and career development;
3. The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, the University's commitment to its implementation and the application for the European Commission's *HR excellence in research* award.