

Finance Transformation Programme

Projects (Research)

Research Grant User Group

9 October 2025

The Projects workstream

The Projects workstream covers 3 areas:

- Research grants
- Estates projects
- Business and Collaboration (B&C) projects (these are not currently set up as projects on CUFS)

This session focuses on Research.



A phased approach




**We are
here**


Go live

Business outcomes to keep in mind

From...

Process variation

Complex and inaccurate data

Poor system reporting to meet user needs

Planning and budgeting complex and unreliable

Off-system approvals

Vulnerability and obsolescence of systems

To...



Consistent processes



Logical data structures



Accurate in-system reporting



Quality financial insights




Automated approval workflows



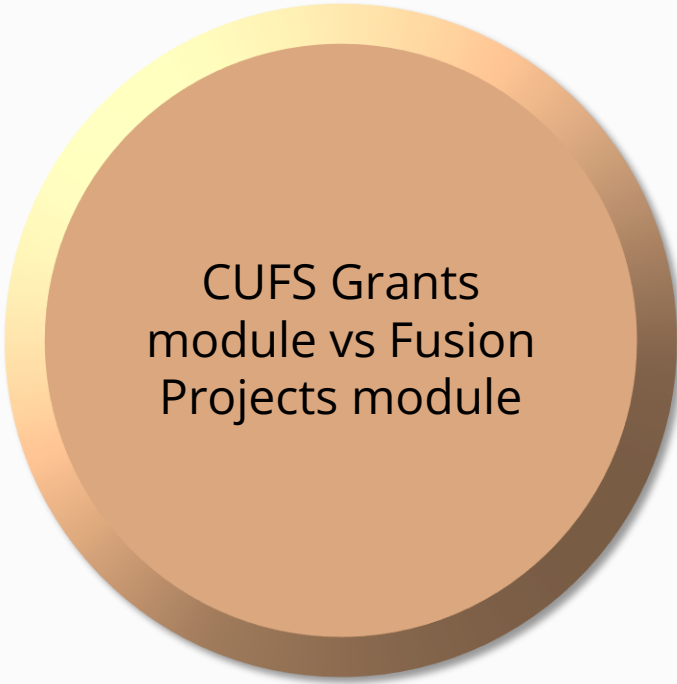
Cloud-based technology

Vision Principle	Delivered through	Outcomes enabled by Project to Result
Meeting the needs of research community and their grant funders	Quality Financial Insights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved capability to generate individual project income and expenditure reports according to funder requirements.
	Cloud-based technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables setup of an Award to accept expenditures prior to its official start date, where allowed. Comprehensive suite of reports to empower users across the wider university Easier to update and implement new functionality
	Logical data structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awarded and non-awarded FEC are captured at the start to ensure alignment with the Research strategy, IRFA, and EFT. Data currently spread across multiple systems (X5, Worktribe, CMS, RCO, RGEA, PI Dashboard, CUFS) will be efficiently integrated between Worktribe and Fusion, enabling real-time updates.
	Automated approval workflows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On system approvals are logged, and approvers assigned appropriate limits.. Ensure flexible enough to deal with absences/urgent changes.
	Consistent processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Automated revenue posting, ensuring the accuracy of cost-based billing. Increases clarity through standardisation / formalisation. Greater control of the closure of Projects and reporting of closed Projects.

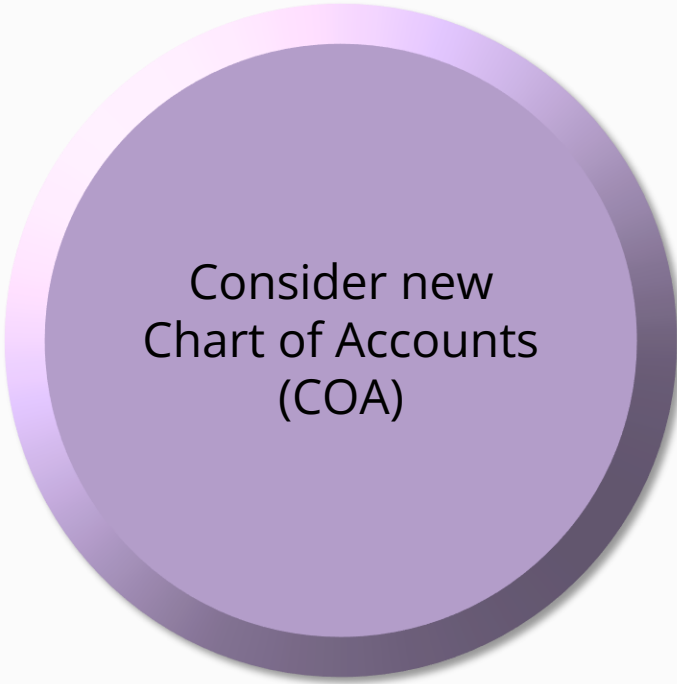
What we're seeing so far



Focus on
differences and
improvements



CUFS Grants
module vs Fusion
Projects module



Consider new
Chart of Accounts
(COA)

Getting involved

Validate workshops and playback sessions

- Thursday 22 September – complete [watch the recording](#)
- Thursday 16 October (B&C)
- Thursday 13 November (B&C and Research: cost collection)
- Thursday 4 December (All areas including billing and project closure)

Conference Room Pilots (CRPs)

- CRP 1 – w/c 26 January 2026
- CRP 2 – w/c 9 February 2026

Projects user group

- Next meeting being planned now
- Please [contact the FTP mailbox](#) if you'd like to join a user group

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