

Transforming Research Support programme update

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Post-award

Worktribe ↔ CUFS integration is progressing in two phases:

Phase 1 (Jan 2026): Award activation. Automates manual process
– Research Office only



Phase 2 (Later in 2026): Adjustments & spend data.
Departments can request changes
(virements, supplements, extensions)
+ see actuals

Discovery project underway for Worktribe ↔ Oracle Fusion integration

Phase one: What's changing for you (RO post-award)?



Award activation process takes place in Worktribe, not CUFs



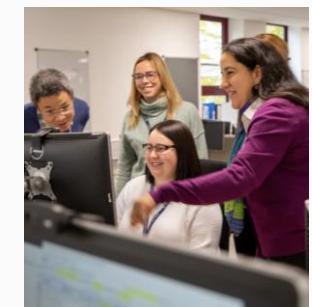
Less manual data entry - integration pulls key details automatically



Easier to run reports on successful awards in Worktribe



Continue using CMS until further notice
(Oracle Fusion expected to replace – gap analysis underway)



Updated training, standard operating procedures, and guidance

Post-award: what's changing for you (departments)?

In phase 1 (Jan/Feb 2026):

- Communication of award through Worktribe between PI, department and RO administrator, rather than emails. Continue communicating adjustments and virements through Worktribe.
- Accept awards in Worktribe.
- Transparency of status and project details (project codes).
- Clear budget oversight in Worktribe.

In phase 2 (later in 2026):

- Departments can request virements, extensions, and see actuals.
- Tasks tab.



Worktribe–Oracle Fusion integration discovery

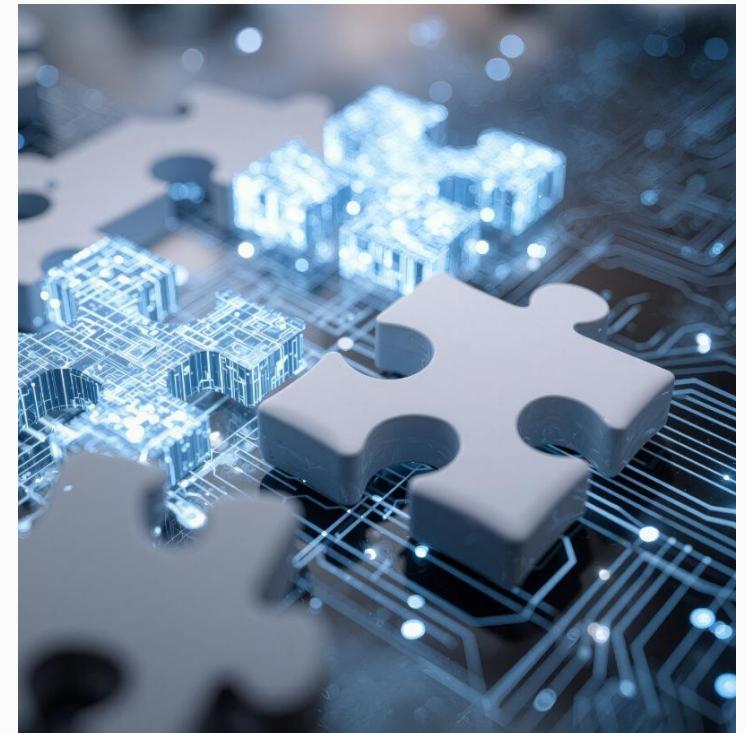
- Goal: Meet post-award financial reporting needs.
- Focus: Assess viable Worktribe–Fusion integration options.

Key insight:

Partial integration = complexity & manual work.

Full integration = big efficiency gains, but costly.

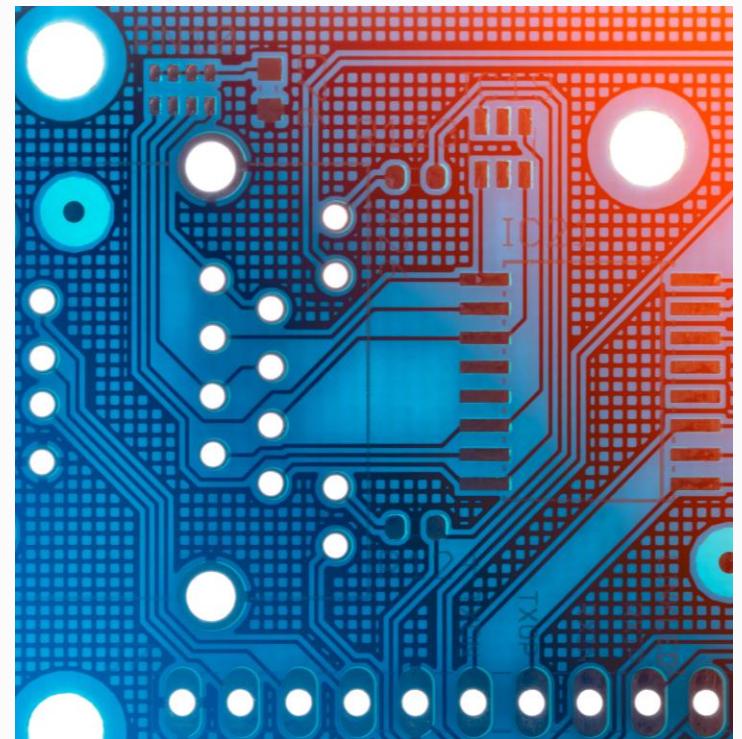
- Engagement: Benchmarking with UCL & Birmingham.
- Next steps: Options paper → recommendation → costs; decision likely in January 2026.



Other updates

Systems decommissioning

- Systems retiring: RGEA, X5, RCO, CMS by March 2026.
- Reason: Security compliance and declining usage.
- Impact:
 - Legacy reporting tools going; Research Dashboard will replace core PI reporting.
 - Archived data (from X5, RCO and CMS) will remain accessible, but no live migration.
 - Savings: ~£74k/year from X5 alone.
- Next steps for X5, RCO and CMS: Data extraction, secure archival, define access.



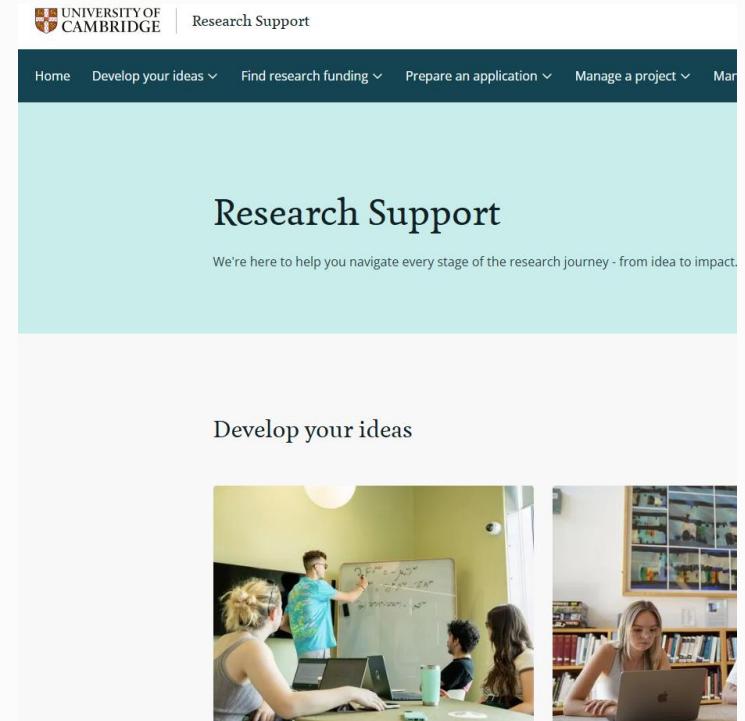
Research Grants Expenditure Application (RGEA) → Research Dashboard

- RGEA retires by March 2026 (security risk)
- Research Dashboard replacing RGEA
- Phases:
 - Now: Updated Research Dashboard (Beta version) released to RD users, alongside the current version – feedback open soon. Users will receive email
 - Next: Add key RGEA features, test with RGEA users
 - Final: All move to Research Dashboard, RGEA retired
- We'll keep users involved and invite feedback at each phase.



Worktribe guidance update

- Guidance will move to the new Research Services website in early 2026.
- Current SharePoint content will not be fully updated (except essential post-award changes).
- All guidance will be reviewed and streamlined during migration.



The screenshot shows the University of Cambridge Research Support website. The header includes the university logo and navigation links for Home, Develop your ideas, Find research funding, Prepare an application, Manage a project, and My account. The main section is titled 'Research Support' with a sub-section 'Develop your ideas' featuring an image of a group of people in a meeting and a person working in a library.

Thank you

Any questions?

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