

Transforming Research Support Programme

Latest updates

Update to RGUG

8 May 2025



Updates to discuss today...

**Timings and
next steps with
post-award**



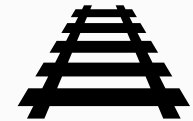
**Different
systems and
their future use**



**Engagement
and community
led insights**



**The next three
years!**



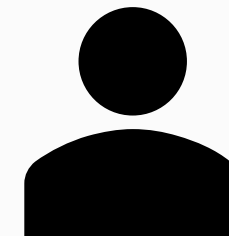
Launch of Worktribe post-award module postponed



- Early meetings with users in Schools and institutions, as well as Research Office staff, have highlighted outstanding questions (for example, around the future use of current systems like Research Grants Expenditure Application and Research Dashboard).
- Essential technical work is needed to integrate Worktribe with our finance system, CUFS.
- We remain committed to launching the post-award module as soon as possible but with a strong focus on system and user readiness.

“It’s a real shame to hear that the post-award module is delayed. The pre-award and contracts modules are working so well, we were really looking forward to having the same benefits in departments for post-award.

It is good to hear that things like forecasting on Dashboard are being thought about, though.”



Thank you to everyone who completed RGEA and/or Research Dashboard survey



- **Total of 284 responses and 169 comments**

Summary of what we've heard:

- The Research Dashboard and RGEA are highly valued for grant management, providing quick access to balances, expenditure, and forecasting. Many of you have expressed concerns about losing these tools, especially the forecasting functionality in the Research Dashboard, which is crucial for financial management and decision-making. Users would welcome a replacement or updated system that offers similar functionality, including manual commitments and easy-to-use reporting.

Next steps:

The systems will continue to be available for use for the time being. No decisions have yet been made.

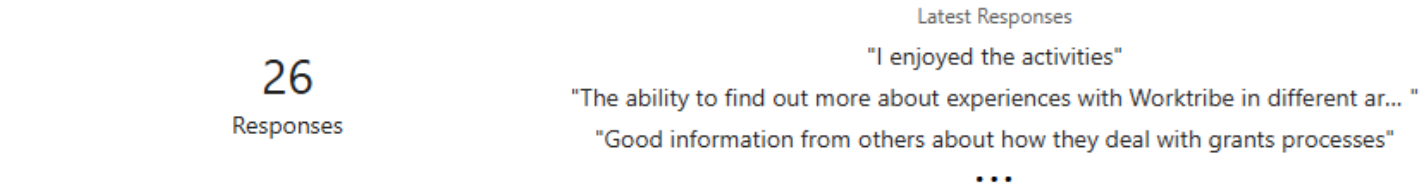
- Completing the gap analysis between RGEA, Research Dashboard, and Worktribe post-award, to highlight functionality and feature gaps
- Developing an options proposal for the future of the RGEA and Research Dashboard.

Please continue to use the RGEA and Research Dashboard as normal. We are working to stabilise the RGEA, although please note that this system is technically challenging to support.

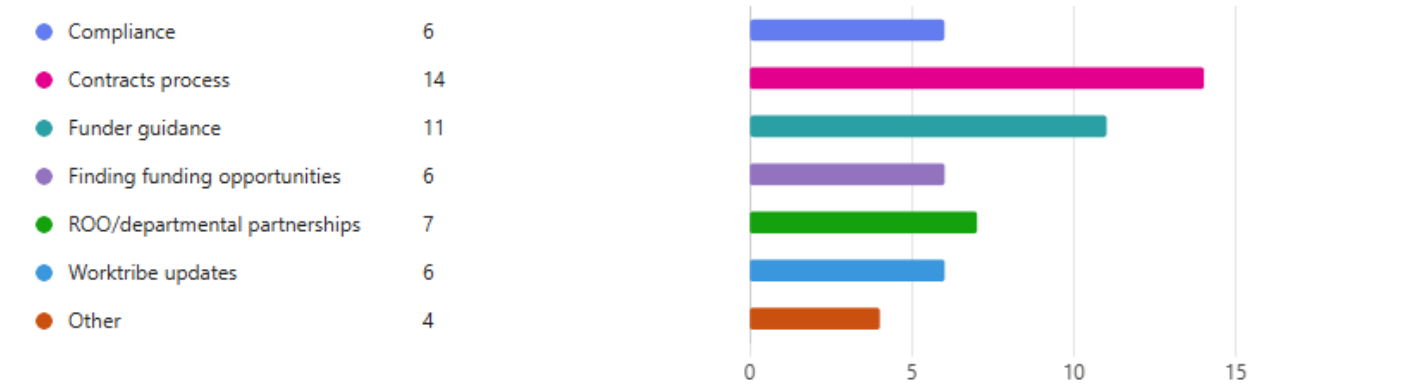
Grant Administration Community of Practice 'Worktribe insights' event on 30 April

- Well done to the CoP team on a fantastic event!
- 65 people attended, range of guest speakers from departments and Research Office, lots of insights gathered to inform Worktribe continuous improvements. Thank you to everyone who contributed.
- Comment from attendee: "Worktribe, the CoP and events like this, have helped generate conversations across the research community at Cambridge. I now know who people are and we've developed a relationship by going through change together."





5 respondents (19%) answered people for this question.



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Transforming Research Support Programme officially extended to 2028

- **Digital infrastructure improvements:**

- Expanding Worktribe to integrate post-award financial tracking with the University's finance system (CUFs, and then Oracle Fusion)
- Developing centralised ethics review and due diligence systems
- Agreeing and introducing a new cross-institutional timesheet system.

- **Operating model transformation:** Implementing improved processes, structures, and policies for efficiency and sustainability.

- **Eliminating outdated systems** (including X5) to reduce costs and technical debt.



Any questions?

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