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MyResearch Newsletter

2023 Review

Happy New Year and welcome to the latest edition of the MyResearch newsletter.

2023 was a busy year for MyResearch as we spent the first half of the year testing a new system upgrade, which went live on 24th July. After such a big system change, inevitably there were some bugs and performance issues that we worked closely with the vendor to fix after launch. The new system allows us more control of our forms and workflows and we spent the last 6 months of 2023 making some highly requested changes. Read on to see the main new features.

MyResearch statistics

Last year over 5000 users logged into MyResearch and submitted more than:

- 2100 new applications
- 2300 amendments
- 3200 milestone reports

What's new?

User permissions

One of the most asked for features we have had is automatic permission sharing.
After our most recent update in December, CI's are now given automatic edit access once added to an application form, removing the need for this to manually be given and allowing for faster submissions.

All other UQ team members listed in an application will now automatically be granted view access. Additional permissions can still be given manually and manual permissions will over-ride those given automatically.

We have also resolved a bug so application owners who are not the CI now get automatic edit access to the project once approved.

For instructions on managing user permissions in applications and projects, please see the following guide in the MyResearch Systems Training Hub.

External dashboard

The upgraded system has improved usability of the external dashboard for users, now with the ability to filter and sort columns to search through applications faster.

Navigate to the Applications or Projects tab of your MyResearch Dashboard and select the Column chooser option on the right hand side of the page. From here you can choose from a number of options for sorting, filtering and choosing what columns you wish to display on the page.

Tip: If you are unable to see an application in your list, please first check that there are no filters applied to the page.

Animal Ethics

Amendments to ANRFA and Animal Ethics ratification applications

The system now supports the submission of amendments for all animal ethics ANRFA and Ratification form types.

Amendments can be made by clicking on the identifier, then choosing New amendment from the pop up menu. Full instructions can be found on the Systems Training Hub.

Animal Ethics milestone reports

Duplicate location values have been removed from the animal ethics annual report milestones, allowing users to submit reports more easily. Previously, projects with multiple animal locations across experiments generated duplicate location values in the report. This has now been adjusted to display only one location.

Animal Ethics emergency contact

Animal ethics applications can now assign four new role types in the project team, removing previous duplication of data entry for those with multiple roles. The new role types are:

- Alternative Investigator and Emergency Contact
- Participant and Emergency Contact
- Student and Emergency Contact
- Course-coordinator and Emergency Contact

Human Ethics

Human Ethics external organisations

Human ethics applications will now only accept the selection of a UQ Faculty/Institute as the primary organisation. This change will prevent users from incorrectly selecting external organisations, which previously led to applications failing to transfer correctly once approved by the ethics office.

NHMRC National Statement

The Human Research - Ethics Approval application was recently updated to align with NHMRC's National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2023. Users can click on any of the updated links in the form to be taken directly to the statement.
As part of this change there are some additional consent questions that are now mandatory for full HREA applications where only data is used, if you submit an amendment to an existing application you may have to complete these new fields.

Human Ethics ratifications

A recent update to the Human Ethics ratification form now allows any UQ team member to submit the application form on behalf of the chief investigator, enabling faster submissions.

Coming in 2024

There are several changes that we are currently working on that should be ready in the coming months including:

- Wider range of staff/students who are allocated automatic MyResearch accounts Including Masters students and affiliated staff).
- Improvement of the animal ethics form to reduce unnecessary duplication of information.
- Simplified internal milestone review processes and auto-project completion.

In 2024 we are expecting the launch of the MyResearch projects module. You can read more about this here.

Did you know you can find step by step instructions and guides on our Systems Training Hub?

If you need more help with MyResearch or would like to contact us please use the service desk links on the MyResearch webpages or email us: my-research-help@uq.edu.au.