Research Connect Introduction

WVU Research Office

2023

West Virginia University

Current State

Current: Disparate, siloed systems, and manual process

- Kuali Cloud software
- Manual processes
- Wellspring Sophia, OTT
- Visual Compliance, Export Control
- Banner Document Management, OSP
- Other tools and systems

High level of hidden costs:

- Inefficient use of skill
- Compliance Risk
- Lack of Automation
- Lack of Integration
- Long lead times for critical information
- Retention Challenges

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Expected Outcomes

Increased Capacity

Faster Review Times

Reduced Compliance Risk

Operational Resiliency

Data Integrity and Reporting

Improvements you will see

Solution is Designed for R1 Institutions

Best Practice and Built-in Compliance

Enter Once - Reduced Data Entry

Integrations for Reduced Administrative Burden

Intuitive User Interface

Status Dashboard with Approval Step Indicators

Robust Reporting Capabilities

West Virginia University Research Administration Portal (WRAP) =

integrated systems and workflows

Huron Research Suite Modules

- Grants & Agreements
- Animal Welfare
- Office of Human Research Protections
- Animal Operations
- Conflict of Interest

Other Core Business Functions

- Institutional Biosafety
- Radiation Safety
- WVCTSI – COE Clinical Trial Registration/Risk Assessment
- Internal Grants
- WVU Office of General Counsel
- Sponsored Research Accounting
- Technology Transfer
- Export Control
- Data Protection

Program Timeline
2022 to End of Discovery

Vendor Demos

Jan - Feb 2022

Program Team Formed

Charter Approved

MP Tie-ins Established

Mar 2022

On-Site Finalist Demos & Vendor Selection
June 2022

Contract Approved Branding & Communication Plan Finalized

Aug 2023

Discovery Findings & Timeline

Dec 2023

Feb – May 2022
RFP Process & Vendor Finalist Selection

Mar 2022 – Aug 2023
Program Foundation Work

Aug 2023
Huron Onboarding & Discovery Phase Planning

Sept 2023
Discovery Kick-off

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Program Management & Governance

Program Sponsor – Katie Stores

AVP Finance, Operations, and Research Administration

Program Manager – Rosemary Casteel Director Research Systems, Data

Project Manager- Laura DiNunzio ITS PMO

Modernization Program Collaborations

Steering Committee meetings are planned as are quarterly executive updates from Huron

Program Management and Governance

Program Management

Program Executive - Fred King

Program Sponsor – Katie Stores

Program Management – Rosemary Casteel

Project Manager – Laura DiNunzio (ITS PMO)

Technical/System Lead – Erica Craft (ITS RIT)

Program Governance

- Steering Committee
- Oversight Committee
- Stakeholder Committees
- Modernization Program

Branding:

Website: **Research Operations**

Program: **Research Connect**

ERA System: **WVU Research Administration Portal (WRAP)**

Current Focus

Discovery Goals & Objectives

- Gain an **understanding of the institution's current business processes**

- Educate the Research Office on the **settings and extension capabilities** provided in the research suite applications

- **Determine technical/integration needs** to support required data importing/exporting/ maintenance/reporting for the Research Suite

- Help **develop a data conversion strategy**

- Develop an **implementation approach and timeline** based on the above decisions.

Next Steps

Timeline expected Q1 2024

Start project for first module Q1/Q2 2024

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