

Research Councils UK Research Outcomes Project

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will previously submitted data (e.g. via the Final Report) be visible in the new system?

This will be a matter for individual Research Councils. However, because the ongoing nature of data to be collected by the Research Outcomes System (ROS) is different from that collected from previous, one-off, exercises, one approach may be to supply Grant Holders with data we hold and ask them to validate it, and submit.

2. Will we definitely be able to use Je-S login?

Yes. To increase the ease of use of ROS, we have added the use of Je-S login credentials to the system specifications.

3. What is the scope of 'Bulk Upload'? Can I bulk upload more than one grant at once?

No. 'Bulk Upload' will enable you to upload, via a spreadsheet, all the research outcomes for **one** grant at a time.

4. I don't want Grant Holders to input any data due to IP issues, can it all be centralised?

A Grant Holder will always be able to input data into grants they have held. However, a central, 'Institution Level User' has been included to enable centralised data submission. It will be the responsibility of the individual institution to communicate any local requirements on data submission.

5. Will HEIs have access to the data that Grant Holders submit?

Yes. However, they will need to contact the Research Councils to generate data for them.

6. How is this intended to integrate with institutional systems?

Short term, data will have to be downloaded from local databases and uploaded via the bulk upload spreadsheet. Longer term, RCUK will work with institutions to look into interfaces that minimise the manual nature of the existing process.

7. Will HEIs be able to manage data input based on JeS application/finance submitter pool access?

No. the 'Institution Level' user will enable HEIs to manage this, but will lack the sophistication of the Je-S application/submitter pool arrangements.

8. Is there any automatic population of e.g. ISBN fields?

No, but this will be a priority in future developments, depending on licence costs.

9. What if a Grant Holder moves institution?

It is assumed that the Grant Holder will retain responsible for maintaining the outcomes of the grants they are awarded.