

RESEARCH BITE #9

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RE: UnivRS

The University of Saskatchewan is implementing the University Research System (UnivRS), an enterprise wide system intended to support activities related to the research life cycle.

The University Research System (UnivRS) is a single, web-based system that allows the campus community within and outside the University of Saskatchewan to collaborate on research projects securely. It serves as a central repository from which other systems can draw consistent and up-to-date information about research-related projects and compliance at the University of Saskatchewan.

The implementation of UnivRS will address the infrastructure required to support, sustain and expand the University of Saskatchewan research enterprise. It is intended to be a central tool to collaboratively manage some research project activities, including pre-and post-award and compliance processes (i.e. human ethics, animal care, biosafety). This will also make research management more efficient and powerful by complying with reporting requirements from funding and regulatory agencies using information entered into the system.

Faculty members will not be required to use UnivRS in the initial rollout to the campus community. The system will become mandatory on July 1, 2016.

Faculty members may be asked to use UnivRS to ensure it meets identified requirements, such as obtaining internal approvals for grant submissions through the system.

Training is a key component in the UnivRS change management strategy to ensure the campus community adopts the system and becomes proficient with the release of each phase. A Training and Development Specialist is available to provide voluntary in-person training and training materials.

Questions, comments or suggestions may be sent to: univrs.support@usask.ca

Information specific to UnivRS is available at: <http://www.usask.ca/univrs>



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