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What are the key information requirement changes?

New and Improved Questions
- Animal Researchers will see new and improved questions because the questions have been designed to streamline the application process and to make it more efficient for both the applicants and the committee reviewers.

New Form for Extensions
- Animal Researchers will have the option to request extensions for their projects because the University recognises that additional time is sometimes necessary to accommodate unforeseen delays. This will be done through the annual reporting process.

One Modification Form
- Animal Researchers will no longer use the Change of Investigator form because this has been incorporated into the Modification form to reduce the overall number of forms.

New Requirements for Competency Assessments
- Animal Researchers will be required to complete individual competency assessment applications, one per form, so that all competency assessments can be easily tracked and managed within ERM by both the Researchers and the Veterinarians.

Lab Rodent Researchers

New Responsibility for Rodent Numbers
- The Facility Manager will no longer be solely responsible for calculating rodent numbers. Researchers will now share this responsibility as the University would like Researchers to fully appreciate the impact of rodent breeding strategies used for their research.
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Research Ethics Application

All Researchers

External Researchers

- If a Researcher is external to the University, an account will need to be created. Details around this process will be announced soon.

Process for Amendments

- Researchers will be required to complete an Amendment Request form to unlock their application to make changes. This is because applications will be locked at the time of approval to maintain their integrity. It is important to remember this cannot be actioned by the Research Integrity and Ethics Unit outside of business hours (Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm.) After an amendment request has been actioned, a confirmation e-mail will be received.

Functionality

- Researchers will be able to attach pictures (flow charts and diagrams) to support their ethics applications within ERM.

Signatory Requirements

- The Lead Investigator is responsible for the project and is the only person who will need to sign-off on the application. This is because the University is putting trust back into the Research Community.

Support

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