

## RAMP Town Hall Q&A

**Q:** How will Huron or Mason IRB office migrate projects on IRB.net over to Huron IRB platform? And on what time line?

**A:** The details are still to come and will be confirmed during the implementation of IRB. Huron has a migration tool to capture the data needed and build records in the new RAMP IRB system. Huron would work with GMU to capture the required information and pull over the legacy records to the new IRB solution. Generally, all of these migrated studies would be in place before the RAMP IRB go-live but this will depend on what GMU can pull from IRB.net.

**Q:** Can you confirm that this task won't fall to the PI? Many of us have 10+ active projects since we are PI on all student projects.

**A:** We work with a core team for each solution that weighs all these considerations. Migrations are complex and have many variables. As a result, there is an ROI discussion to see what is best for GMU stakeholders (PIs, Dept Admins, Central office, etc.). There will be more to come once we get to IRB.

**Q:** Is there a plan to incorporate IBC at GMU?

**A:** IBC is not in the current RAMP implementation plan, but it is something that continues to be considered as we proceed.

**Q:** Can you provide some concrete examples of what will change in the grants process, from the perspective of faculty? Will we be submitting documents in a different way, working on budgets in a different way, etc? Wondering about concrete, observable differences in both the proposal process and the management of existing awards.

**A:** Answered Live

**Q:** Is there a back-up plan for submitting grants and contracts if RAMP fails or has glitches?

**A:** There is a System-to-System component within Grants to send directly to Grants.gov for submissions. If there are issues with a submission, the GMU support team will work with Huron support to help resolve the issue. Depending on timing, the back-up plan for submissions could be to submit directly through Grants.gov or the Agency platform.

**Q:** Coordinating COI, IACUC, lab safety, and IRB documents/approval is currently a hurdle in getting our awards set-up. How are these various approvals going to be handled during RAMP implementation? Is it possible to bring COI, IACUC, and IRB into RAMP simultaneously rather than consecutively?

**A:** This has been something the leadership considered when outlining the suite implementation plan. Ultimately, the decision was a phased roll-out of the solutions in the RAMP suite. As we release each solution, the Project Team accounts for the training and level of change to help users onboard into the new processes and system capabilities.

**Q:** These modules are focused on Faculty, PIs, and are research oriented. What about tracking financial requirements; funding change forms to move faculty salaries, charging expenses to the grants are not a part of RAMP?

**A:** Banner still remains our financial system so how expenditures are charged to sponsored projects will not change as a result of RAMP. Research administrators in the units will have access to the system for proposal and award management, and the additional modules once implemented.

**Q:** In terms of proposal submission and grant management/reporting, how flexible will the system be to the range of requirements for the various funding institutions and agencies?

**A:** The RAMP Grants solution will have all Funding Proposals go through this solution. The application's SF424 solution supports over 97% of the forms out there. This allows submission through the RAMP application.

**Q:** This is a major undertaking and I presume some customization of the Huron system will be necessary. May I suggest that end-users (PI, Research Directors, Research Managers) be on the development team?

**A:** Answered Live

**Q:** Can customized reports be created, like in MicroStrategy, by users?

**A:** Answered Live

**Q:** Has Mason considered adding a resource of available grant “writers” that can act as consultants to improve narratives of grants? Other research universities offer this support.

**A:** Answered Live

**Q:** Will this system be able to interface with Interfolio? If the faculty reporting piece ever gets up and running, one benefit that was touted was the potential to export Biosketches in different formats. It would be great if that could be automated or streamlined in some way.

**A:** Answered Live

**Q:** Will there be any central support for higher salaries needed to attract strong Research Administrators in local units? Or just support in getting approvals for the job classifications that \*allow\* for higher salaries?

**A:** Answered Live

**Q:** Will this portal be utilized for the submission of the Just In Time materials as part of the grant submission process? Will it also be used for the submission grant progress reports post-award or does the portal only focus on pre-award?

**A:** The RAMP to Grants.gov integration does not support JIT responses. The Process will be tracked in RAMP, but the packages will continue to be submitted outside of RAMP-Grants. This is the same for Post-Award deliverables.

**Q:** Is there a collaboration or link with the IRB so contracts/amendments/DUAs/ MTAS would be connected?

**A:** Answered Live