

What is RAMP?

RAMP is a new software tool designed to support research administration processes. It will replace multiple outdated systems with a modern, integrated, web-based solution from Huron Research Suite. Huron is a leader in the research administration software market with more than 50% of R1 universities having already implemented this tool to enhance their research administration processes. RAMP will be comprised of eight modules including:

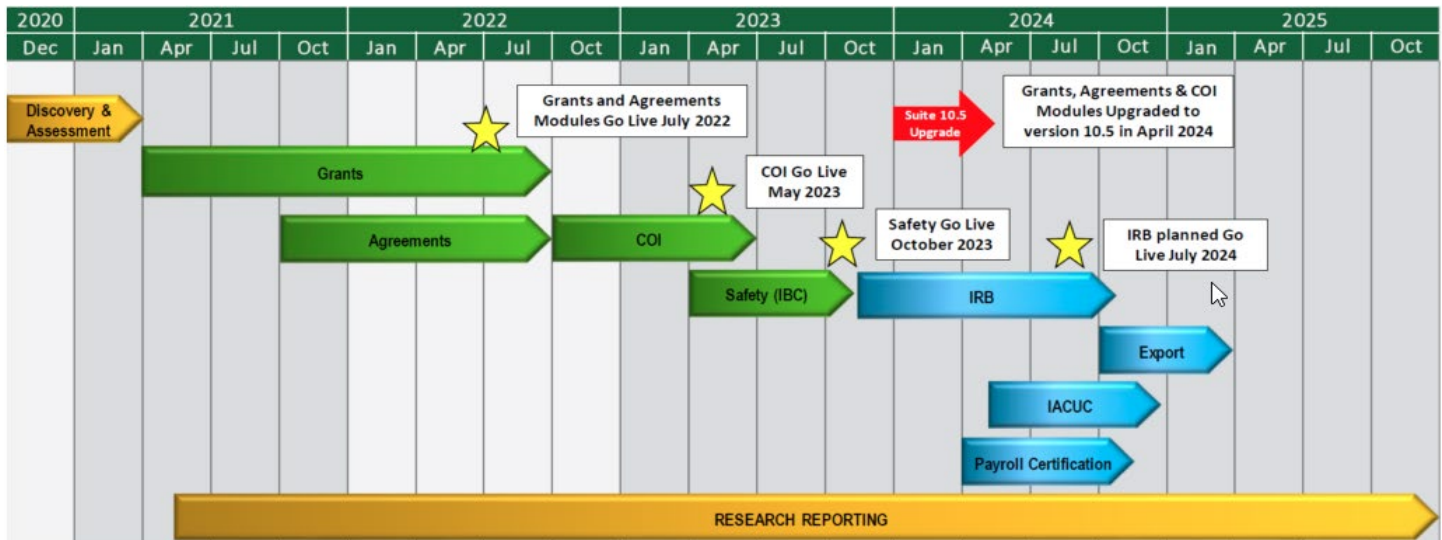
- ✓ Grants
- ✓ Conflict of Interest (COI)
- ✓ IRB
- ✓ IACUC
- ✓ Agreements
- ✓ Safety (IBC)
- ✓ Payroll Certification
- ✓ Export Control

What are the benefits of RAMP?

REDUCED BURDEN	IMPROVED ACCESS	SINGLE PLATFORM AND BETTER REPORTING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing administrative burden on faculty and staff Streamlining sponsored research and compliance business processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easier access and better user experience for faculty, staff, and administrators Improving workflow transparency to track record status and next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing a single platform for all of Mason's research applications Increasing transparency of staff compliance Enabling better reporting and decision making

When will RAMP be available?

The RAMP modules will be implemented in a multi-phased approach over the next two years. The Grants & Agreements modules went live in July 2022. The Conflict of Interest (COI) module went live in May 2023. The Safety (IBC) module went live in October 2023. **The next module, IRB, is planned to go-live in July 2024.**



Who will have access to RAMP?

Anyone with a Mason login and password may access RAMP. The actions and/or responsibilities of that user will depend on system security roles assigned in RAMP, as well as the specific role on a record (PI, Study Team, Primary Contact, etc.).

Logins to RAMP Grants and Agreements, COI, and Safety can be found at ramp.gmu.edu.

How can I learn more about RAMP and get support?

Office Hours for RAMP are available for registration via [MasonLEAPS!](#) Go to the “Events Calendar” under the “Learning” tab and search for “RAMP.” Please also see our short [Introduction to RAMP](#) video.

Training materials that include a series of short videos and quick reference guides for RAMP are available to the research community for their reference in [MasonLEAPS](#) by searching “RAMP Training Curriculum.”

To keep up-to-date on what is happening with this project and to view more information and resources (such as FAQs), please bookmark the **RAMP website** at ramp.gmu.edu.

To get support for RAMP, submit a Help Ticket at ramp.gmu.edu. For any questions, please email the RAMP team at ramp@gmu.edu.

What does RAMP look like?

Smartforms are used across the RAMP modules to walk users through collecting all needed information for a particular task. They have an easy-to-use interface with validations to streamline the process of entering and submitting materials. As an example, funding proposal smartforms are shown below. You can see a snapshot of the full funding proposal smartforms on the RAMP website linked [here](#).

The screenshot shows the RAMP smartform interface for editing a funding proposal. The header includes the George Mason University logo and the text "Research Administration Management Portal". The user is logged in as "Hello". The main content area is titled "Editing: FP00000" and "General Proposal Information". The form contains several sections:

- 1. Type of application:** A dropdown menu set to "New".
- a. Is this award being transferred from another institution?** Radio buttons for "Yes" and "No", with a "Clear" link.
- 2. * Short title of proposal:** A text input field.
- 3. * Long title of proposal:** A large text area.
- 4. * Program director / Principal investigator / Project lead / Fellow:** A dropdown menu.
- 5. * Select the direct sponsor:** A dropdown menu.
- a. If the direct sponsor is not listed, type their name here:** A text input field.

At the bottom right, there are buttons for "Exit", "Save", and "Continue".