

Research & Grants Management

Manage research projects, grant lifecycles, and funding workflows with real-time visibility across teams and compliance requirements.

Specification

SKU	BUS-HED-RGM
Solution area	Business Operations
Works with	Faculty & Staff Management, Project Financial Management, Compliance Assessments & Testing, Operational Resilience
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What it is

Research & Grants Management is the process of managing research initiatives and grant lifecycles, including application, funding, execution, and reporting. It ensures that research activities are coordinated, compliant, and aligned with institutional goals.

SmartSuite’s Research & Grants Management software provides a structured, scalable system to manage research initiatives, grant applications, funding, and compliance across institutions. It enables organizations to move from fragmented systems and manual tracking to a unified platform for research operations.

With a centralized system of record, research teams gain visibility into the full lifecycle—from proposal to execution and reporting.

Core capabilities

Grant Application & Submission Management

Track proposals, submissions, and approvals.

Research Project Tracking

Manage research initiatives from start to completion.

Funding & Budget Management

Track grant funding and financial utilization.

Compliance & Reporting Workflows

Ensure alignment with regulatory and funding requirements.

Approval & Review Processes

Manage internal approvals for grants and research.

Collaboration Across Research Teams

Coordinate work between researchers and administrators.

Real-Time Visibility & Dashboards

Monitor funding, progress, and outcomes.

Integration with Financial and Academic Systems

Ensure alignment across operations.

Role-Based Access Control

Ensure secure data access and governance.

The lifecycle

Step 1 Identify Funding Opportunities Track and evaluate potential grants.	Step 2 Prepare and Submit Applications Manage proposals and submission workflows.	Step 3 Award and Allocate Funding Track approvals and funding distribution.	Step 4 Execute Research Projects Monitor progress and manage activities.	Step 5 Report and Ensure Compliance Complete reporting and maintain compliance.
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Who it is for

Research Administrator (RA) Manage grant applications and compliance.	Faculty Researchers Lead research initiatives and projects.	Finance Teams Track funding and budgets.
Compliance Teams Ensure adherence to grant requirements.	Operations Teams Coordinate workflows and approvals.	Institution Leadership Monitor research performance and funding.

Works with

Faculty & Staff Management Assign researchers and track involvement.	Project Financial Management Manage budgets and funding utilization.
Compliance Assessments & Testing Ensure regulatory and grant compliance.	Operational Resilience Manage approvals and reporting.

Built differently. Research & Grants Management runs on the same relational platform as every other SmartSuite product, so its records link to the risks, controls, issues and evidence they affect, and every report reflects the current state rather than a copy.

See it working with your data

Ask your SmartSuite account team for a demo of Research & Grants Management configured for your organization, or read the full product entry at smartsuite.com/products/research-grants-management.

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