



## MyResearch Ethics upgrade is here..



Since the launch of MyResearch in January 2021 we have been collating your feedback and working on improving the user experience. Last year we launched an integration with the Mosaic database and improved the animal ethics mandatory annual reporting (MAR) process, which we are pleased to say ran more smoothly this year with over 1300 reports submitted.

In Q3 last year we started preparing for a complete system upgrade to the latest version of the software. This has involved extensive testing of the whole system to ensure all the forms and review processes are working correctly and we have worked closely with the vendor to make further improvements. Importantly, the upgrade will also allow us to start to address some of the outstanding issues you are experiencing with the system and ensure we are ready for the upcoming [MyResearch Projects](#) module to go-live.

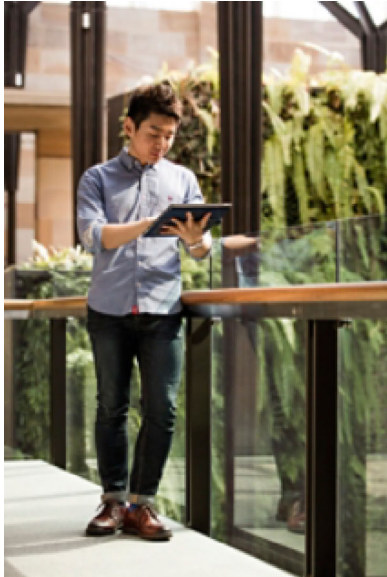
### When is the new version launching?

MyResearch will undergo a system upgrade on **Monday 24 July 2023** and will be temporarily **unavailable between 6:00-10:00am**. You do not need to do anything and will automatically see the update when you next log in as usual.

Please ensure you do not have any applications open for editing during this time to prevent data loss.

## What's new?

One of the major changes in the new version of MyResearch is an updated External Portal interface. When you log into the new MyResearch portal, you will still be able to see all of the options currently available to you, however the overall look of the homepage and other pages will be a little bit different and some of the buttons will have moved.



The form engine behind all our applications has been updated. Some of the improvements you will notice are:

- Real-time validation. Previously you would need to navigate to a new page to trigger validation, now it will occur as you are interacting with the form.
- Improved and modernised user experience when adding documents and sections that contain lists of information.
- Improved performance, particularly when dealing with a larger number of experiments/team members/animal strains etc...
- 'In browser' document viewing for reviewers.

The main changes to the system are related to the functionality of the backend which will allow us to more easily and quickly make further changes within MyResearch ourselves rather than requiring the vendor to make the changes.

We have also been working with the vendor to ensure the system is accessible for all users and is compliant with web content accessibility guidelines (WCAG 2.0). Our audit of the current system highlighted some major issues that needed addressing and we have made significant changes in this new version, with further improvements still to come.

### Customised dashboards

#### Column chooser

You now have the option to customise your own dashboards with a column picker and

### Tutorials



The first time you log into the new system you will see tutorial boxes appear, guiding you to the main functions of that page. They will only

filter options, which will make it easier to find the item you are looking for.

To choose which columns you see, click on the column chooser. To filter which results you see, click on the filter button at the top of the column.

appear once per page, but you can always access them at a later date by clicking on the tutorial button (play symbol) on the top right-hand side of the screen.

## More updates coming...

This product upgrade will now enable us to work on improvements for you, the users and we have a list of prioritised items to work on in the coming months including:



- Automatic edit access for Chief Investigators and view access for all listed team members. This will mean you won't have to manually share access with others listed on your application.
- Wider range of staff/students who are allocated automatic MyResearch accounts (Including Masters students and affiliated staff).
- Improvement of the animal ethics form to reduce unnecessary duplication of information.
- Simplified internal milestone review processes and auto-project completion.

## MyResearch help and resources



Whilst the main functions and instructions remain the same, we have updated the MyResearch [Systems Training Hub](#) with new screenshots to better reflect what you will see within the system.

You can find more information and updates on MyResearch, including links to resources and our help desk on the [MyResearch webpages](#).



## Contact us

If you need more help with MyResearch or would like to contact us please use the service desk links on the [MyResearch webpages](#) or email us: [my-research-help@uq.edu.au](mailto:my-research-help@uq.edu.au).

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