



## Unit4 Research Management

Increase funding and streamline your research processes

The business of research is more complex than ever before. Global institutions and new entrants are competing for funds, and funders expect increasing levels of financial compliance.

And at a time when research institutions are looking to reduce costs, streamline business processes and increase revenue, all institutions should be examining their own software solutions to make sure they are maximizing both academic and funding potential.

Unit4 Research Management helps you outperform the competition. It provides transparency from commercial, compliance and financial perspectives and unlocks insights with in-memory analytic tools so that academic, business development and finance teams can plan

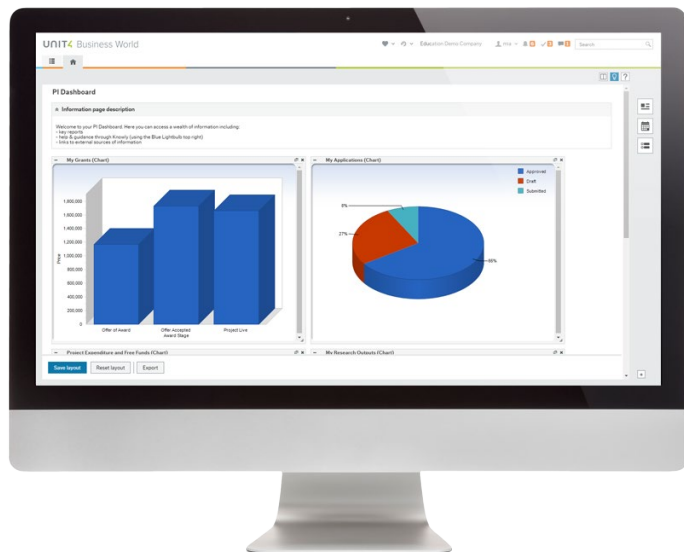
success. And it automates more financial and project administration tasks so that skilled researchers can focus on world-changing research.

Our solutions provide top-to-bottom efficiency and accessibility that integrates research, financial data, and administrative tasks. With the research management system, researchers can make use of multiple applications in a single, unified framework that works across the institution.

## Streamline your research processes

The vital revenue streams of research, consultancy or grant projects depend heavily on an institution's ability to successfully bid for, monitor and report back on the myriad of opportunities that exist. But how do you find the right research project? How do you ensure efficient and streamlined processes that address the effort of your Investigator and allow for institutional transparency?

In its simplest terms, research management touches all aspects of an institute's business, including its academics, students, partners, funders and administration staff. Throughout the research life cycle these stakeholders are vital and Unit4's research management solution can help with this process.



## Deliver research excellence

Unit4 Research Management is proven in the sector and manages all research activity from the moment of conception of an idea through to the completion of a project.

The solution helps you to manage research projects against a background of changing demands, uncertainty in funding streams and increasing competition. It enables you to improve your project processes in the following key areas:

- Promote collaborative working.
- Maximize bid success rates and control costs.
- Improve the quality of post-award management.
- Provide a transparent, consistent and efficient process.

### Promote collaborative working

Long-term business success rests on the ability to build and maintain successful relationships with all stakeholders involved in generating income for the institution. It is also important to gather intelligence about what's happening in the market.

Opportunities need to be managed effectively, whether they are coming from publications, research seminars or even word of mouth. The solution helps you to focus on bids which reflect and support your strategic objectives and where you are more likely to succeed.

### Maximize bid success rates and control costs

The solution streamlines and reduces the effort involved in the creation, review, approval and submission of applications for research projects and grants. Fundamental to this are the critical processes of costing and pricing proposals in assessing financial viability, ethical governance checks and quality assurance.

### Improve the quality of post-award management

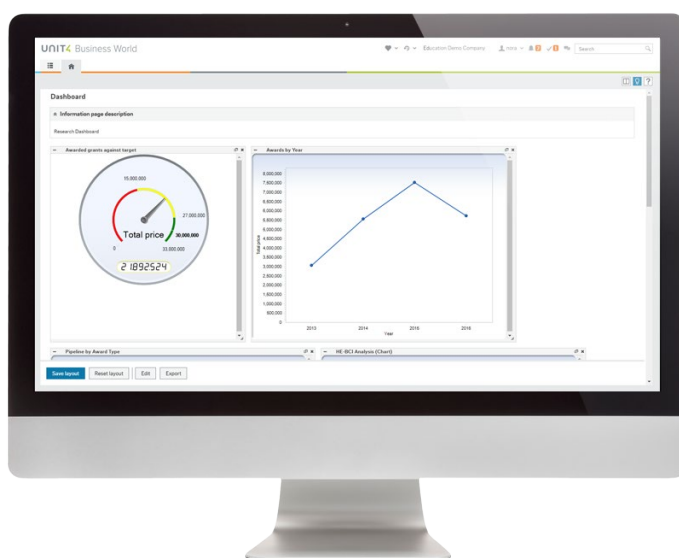
The solution provides budgeting, forecasting, project costing and billing, and claims management. It also includes resource utilization, including academics, research students and facilities. Academic self-service is available for devolved functions such as requisitioning, expenses, timesheets and graduate progression with workflow controls for routing and approval.

The solution's embedded workflow ensures that business processes are followed consistently and that accurate and timely decisions can be made throughout the process. The powerful reporting functions can initially help target the most relevant funding, while also addressing the constant requirement for improved performance measurement. These particular benefits are relevant to a number of key stakeholders, including:

- Academics - simple, fast, easy to use, full visibility of bids/applications.
- Research Administrators - flexible, comprehensive, control, reduces bottle necks.
- Finance - visibility, budgetary control cashflow management, consistency.
- Institute Governance - compliance, collaboration, accountability, auditability.

### Provide a transparent, consistent and efficient process

From at-a-glance dashboards to powerful analysis tools, and the ability to capture and report on all important outputs and impacts, you have all the relevant and accurate information you need at the fingertips of internal and external stakeholders. All research-related content can be made publicly available, providing an ideal platform and evidence for strategic planning and management.



# Unit4 Education solutions

Unit4's deep understanding of the education sector has led us to develop solutions that directly empower your institution to deliver on four primary aspirations:

- Accelerating growth
- Boosting student success
- Improving institutional effectiveness
- Delivering research excellence

Unit4 Education solutions are built on the flexible Unit4 People Platform that enables you to adapt your strategies and processes without needing to hire expensive IT consultants to modify your system. With Unit4 Student Management, you can eliminate the expense of maintaining pieced-together systems by automating the entire student lifecycle. With Business World On! ERP's unified finance, HR, payroll, projects and procurement systems, you can increase financial transparency while reducing costs through improved workflow processes and productivity-enhancing self-service tools. And with Unit4 Research Management you can streamline all your research processes.

No matter your institution's size or complexity, our scalable, people-centric solutions position your institution to thrive in a disruptive, yet exciting and mission-based calling.



## Contact us

For further information about how Unit4 can help you accelerate growth, boost student success, improve institutional effectiveness and deliver research excellence: email: [info@unit4.com](mailto:info@unit4.com) or visit: [www.unit4.com/education](http://www.unit4.com/education)

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