

Huron Research Suite

A Comprehensive Research Administration Solution

The fiercely competitive research environment challenges institutions to maintain a world-class research enterprise that moves society forward, promotes innovation and advances knowledge — all without adding additional administrative burden to researchers

Accelerate system adoption, strengthen compliance by leveraging industry best practices, and reduce total cost of ownership while improving researcher and staff productivity with the Huron Research Suite.

A Comprehensive Approach

Drive efficiency and productivity and help manage the business of research with Huron’s cloud-based solution for research administration. These integrated software solutions with common interfaces are flexible, scalable, and configurable to streamline workflow and strengthen compliance oversight. The Huron Research Suite addresses the full lifecycle of research administration, from grants management to compliance and operations. Figure 1 shows the full breadth of solutions available.



The suite allows principal investigators to conduct research more effectively and efficiently, allowing them to communicate with their administrative teams while helping administrators and reviewers best support their part of the research enterprise quickly and easily. In addition, it reduces institutional compliance risk by managing processes in a demanding regulatory environment, allowing researchers to focus on what matters most — the research.



Employee Compensation Compliance (ECC)

Supports several approaches to documenting research-related issues, including traditional effort reporting, project certification and payroll confirmation.



Grants

Facilitates collaborative online proposal development, online budgeting, and award management through a standard institutional routing sheet and centralized eSubmission system.



Animal Operations

Ordering, imports, receiving, exports, transfers, reporting events, special services, census management, facility management, animal vendor management, billing, invoicing, and financial account management.



Agreements

Streamlines the routing, negotiation, execution, and management of your financial and non-financial research agreements via a central repository for all research contracts (including MTA, CDA, CTA, DUA, Scopes of Work and many others).



Conflict of Interest (COI)

Provides a solution for the disclosure of employee outside activities and financial interests. Supports three primary types of disclosure processes: transactional, annual and research specific.



Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Automates and streamlines the process of human research protections with support for protocol routing and review as well as reportable information reports to the IRB office. Leverages Huron's HRPP Toolkit best practices to provide a framework for compliant and optimized IRB review process.



Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC)

Supports the efficient creation and review of animal research protocols and post-approval monitoring and inspections, reducing non-compliance risk. Provides the ability to set up a standard library of substances and procedures in addition to research labs.



IRB Exchange

Enables you to share information with your network of collaborative research partners electronically and simplifies maintaining compliance with the Final NIH Policy on the use of a single IRB of record for multi-site research.



Safety

Supports institutional biosafety, radiation safety, chemical safety, and stem cell committee processes. Improves collaboration between investigators, Safety staff, and committee members from new protocol review to facility inspections; facilities management; equipment management; inventory management, including controlled substances; and reservations.

An Experienced Partner

Choosing the right partner to support your research operations is essential. Huron's depth of experience includes working with more than 500 higher education and research institutions, including all top 100 comprehensive research universities. We embed the experience from our vast team of professionals into our products, implementation approaches and change leadership assistance, and we continue to add enhancements to the suite based on our users' feedback.

A Wealth of Benefits

Here are some of the benefits of utilizing this dynamic suite of software:

Organizational Benefits	Software Features
<p>Reduce researcher administrative burden while decreasing errors and increasing compliance</p>	<p>The Huron Portal, a single point-of-entry for researcher interaction with the research administration organization</p> <p>A single dashboard with consolidated "to-do" lists and upcoming deadlines that highlight required actions with automation to ensure no key steps or deadlines are missed</p> <p>Integrated institutional, researcher, sponsor, subrecipient and facility profile data that reduces data entry and improves accuracy of submissions</p> <p>Online forms that use business logic to limit data entry to the minimum required to meet regulatory and institutional requirements</p>
<p>Improve visibility into your research administration processes</p>	<p>Workflows that support a high level of collaboration and automated communications between investigators and compliance staff</p> <p>Dashboards and reports to provide real-time insight into "work in progress" as well as upcoming deadlines and action items</p> <p>Industry-standard Interfaces that share data with other institutional systems to reduce duplicate data entry and provide visibility across the research ecosystem, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration with other Huron Research Suite solutions as well as campus single sign on, HR and financial systems, and legacy research administration systems. • Tools and services to assist in data mapping, cleansing and migration from legacy systems. • Over 100 pre-built reports to support business decision makers. • Support for data feeds to your enterprise data warehouse system to support enterprise-wide reporting initiatives.
<p>Align with industry best practices and partner with your peers</p>	<p>Huron's insights and advice, based on working with nearly all of the top research institutions – including all 100 of the NIH top funded institutions - embedded in the software</p> <p>Membership in our highly active research administration software users' group, where you can exchange ideas, solutions, and best practices with institutions across North America</p>

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	<p>Two member conferences a year, plus monthly product-specific community web meetings to facilitate communications and the shared experience of your research administration peers</p> <p>Access to Huron’s online communities that work with Huron product managers to define the features that get implemented, as well as Huron webinars, whitepapers and conferences on industry trends and best practices</p>
<p>Achieve a high level of system adoption and use</p>	<p>Consistent “look and feel” across your compliance, pre-award, and contract management workflows to reduce the need for re-training users as new functions are automated</p> <p>Embedded help and comprehensive, role-focused user manuals that provide on-demand assistance for end users</p> <p>Online training videos and learning “sandbox” within Huron’s Learning Lab, available for your core team – resources that are continuously updated to match current system functionality</p> <p>Client services managers and technical support available to assist with troubleshooting and planning for future upgrades</p>
<p>Access the most up-to-date product features and regulatory requirements</p>	<p>Up to two upgrades per year, focused on improving product functionality and meeting the ongoing regulatory requirements</p> <p>Ongoing updates to match grants.gov updates to ensure grants.gov submission success</p> <p>New features driven by an active user group, chaired by our product managers and Huron subject matter experts</p> <p>Open visibility to our product roadmap, upcoming enhancements, and detailed information on new product releases</p>
<p>Easily understand and predict ongoing system costs</p>	<p>A flat fee for Huron’s subscription services that includes the costs that can often create unpredictability in the ongoing support of your enterprise electronic research administration systems</p> <p>Huron’s subscription includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All server installation, administration, and management tasks • Hosting in Huron’s geographically redundant data centers • Installation by Huron of up to two software upgrades per year, ensuring you’re on the latest versions of the software – including any customizations developed for your institution • Technical support, including 24x7 access for emergency issues • Access to Huron’s Learning Lab, an online training resource • Updates to documentation and training materials • Dedicated preview environments your team can use to test new features prior to rollout in your production environment

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<p>Configure features to meet your unique requirements without creating custom software</p>	<p>Configurable settings and extensions that allow flexibility in software functionality to meet local institutional requirements, while ensuring your institution can continue to benefit from regulatory updates, new features, and best practice improvements provided by Huron’s product upgrades</p> <p>Over 200 document and email templates that can be updated to match local institutional look and messaging</p> <p>Configurable data entry forms and embedded help to support collection of institution-specific data</p> <p>Locally manageable lists to drive user data entry choices and improve data quality for reporting</p> <p>Well-defined integration touchpoints to support both import and export of data between Huron and other enterprise systems</p> <p>Mature change management processes and tools to ensure the reliable rollout of new features and capabilities, as well as preservation of your configurations across upgrades</p>

A Focus on Success

We have the best implementation success ratio in the industry; more than 100 leading research organizations, academic medical centers and hospitals currently use the Huron Research Suite. We have over 500 successful go-lives of our solutions across the suite, allowing our clients to transform their research processes.

Our comprehensive approach to implementation doesn’t just focus on the software; we offer project management, access to policy experts, project governance, change leadership, communications, training and more to help ensure project success. Huron can provide all these resources directly, or we can work with your internal team to give support where needed.

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