

## **Terms and Conditions of Research Council fEC Grants**

The Terms and Conditions of Research Council fEC Grants have been revised to incorporate changes to the following Grant Conditions:

GC 1 - the Concordat paragraph has been updated;

GC2 – first paragraph, last line amended to “research” integrity

GC 3 – expanded to state “Grant funds include a provision for inflation based on the GDP Deflators published by HM Government. The value of the grant may be varied by the Research Council during the lifetime of the grant in accordance with the deflators or to take into account any other Government decisions affecting the funding available to the Research Councils.” and “Grant funds cannot be used to meet the costs of any item where the activity falls outside the period of the grant, e.g. when travel falls outside the grant period, the costs cannot be charged to the grant even if the tickets, etc. can be purchased in advance.”

GC5 – expanded to state the circumstances where the full value of Estates, Indirect Costs and Infrastructure Technicians should not be claimed following changes in staffing levels;

GC6 – expanded to state that funds can only be transferred and used to meet the cost of activity or activities that meet the agreed aims and objectives of the project, and to state that Research Councils reserve the right to query any expenditure outlined in the Final Expenditure Statement, which has not been incurred in line with the Grant Terms and Conditions;

GC7 – expanded to include extended jury service;

GC24 – amended to state changes to payment profiles may affect the overall value of the grant.

The Research Councils will apply these terms and conditions to grants (including fellowships) announced from 1 October 2009.