

Further to the revisions of the Terms and Conditions, the following amendments have been made to the Research Grant Handbook:

Section 1:

1.4 Good Scientific Practice- amendment to refer to the new RCUK Code of Conduct & Policy on Governance of Good Research Conduct document.

1.5 The Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers- concordat details shortened to summarise the key responsibilities of the Research Organisation.

Section 5:

5.1.5 Travel & subsistence- incorporation of expenditure of travel must be in relation to trips incurred within the grant duration.

Section 6:

6.3 Funding Limitations- title changed from cash limiting, second bullet point added to explain that the value of an award may vary in accordance with deflators or other Government funding decisions. Re-iteration of funds can only be used for activities which fall within the grant duration.

6.5 Extensions to Research Grants- inclusion of extended jury service as an acceptable reason for a grant extension.

6.6 Changes to the Research Project- new bullet points 1) concerning arrangements should a grant be terminated or reduced in value, 2) examples of when it is appropriate to proportionately reduce Estates, Indirects and Infrastructure Technician costs.

6.7 Payment of Research Grant Funds- new point to state that STFC reserves the right to amend payment profiles which may affect the grant value.

6.15 Virement of Funds- extra bullet point stating vired funds must be used to meet the original aims & objectives of project. STFC reserves the right to query expenditure outlined on the Final Expenditure Statement that has not been incurred in line with the T&Cs.

Other amendments include all references to the PIPSS panel have been changed to IPS (Innovations Partnership Scheme).