

# Consultancy and Contract Research

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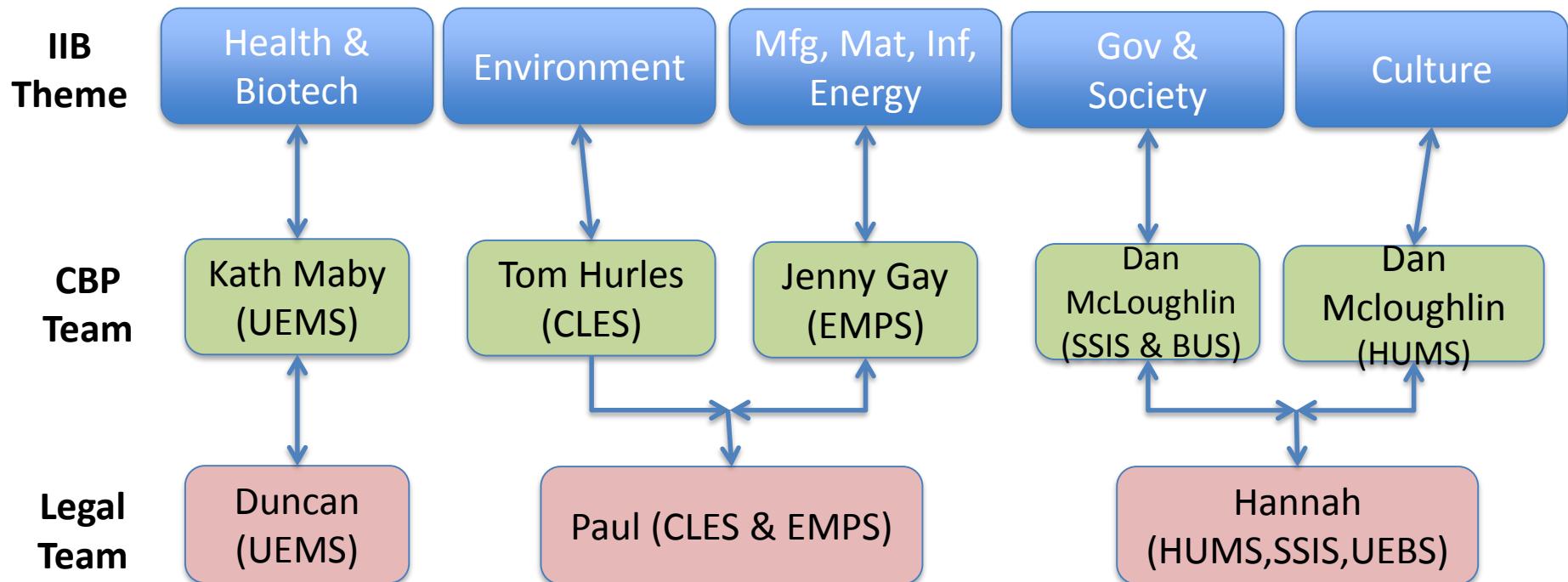
## Presentation overview

- Consulting/Contract Research Team
- What is Contract Research
- What is Consultancy
  - Types of Consultancy
- Contract research process
- Consultancy process
- Questions

## What the consultancy/Contract research team does

- Sub-team of the Commercial Business Programmes (CBP) team
- Manages all aspects of consultancy activity
- Provides contracting support for contract research projects
- Support Tender applications
- Manages University registrations
- Identify opportunities
- Works closely with the theme teams

## The Team



## What is Contract Research?

Research Projects funded by

- Business
- Government departments
- Charities
- 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations
- Professional Bodies

(not Research Councils)



## Why do Contract Research

- Contract research can be included in the REF
- High success rate
- Generates additional business-related quality-related HEFCE funding
- Can be flexible as the scope can be tailored and lead times to funding reduced
- Strengthens the potential for future research as many sponsors new to the University will go on to collaborate in other research projects/fund students
- Real world applications of their research

## What is Consultancy?

The provision of expert advice, analysis and interpretation which draws upon the expertise and knowledge of University staff.



University of Exeter consultancy

## What is Consultancy & Why do it?

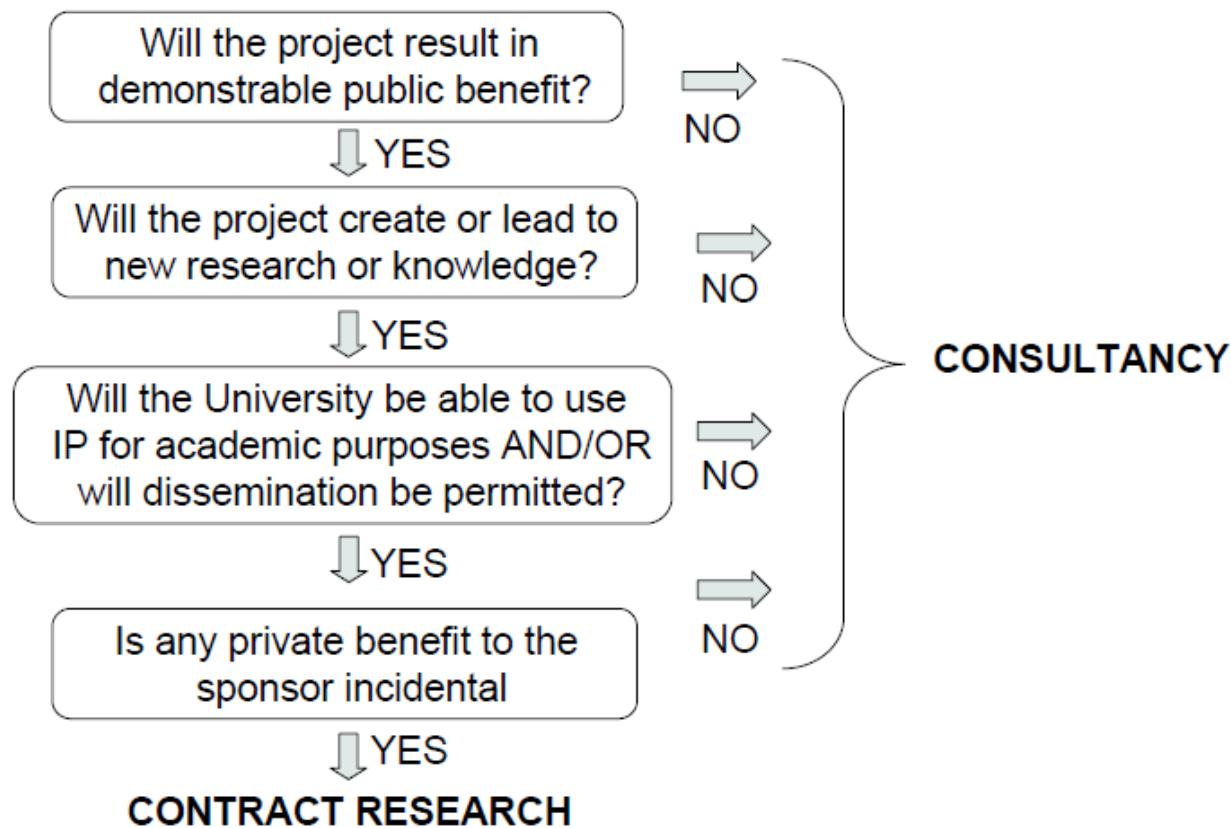
- Does not normally create new knowledge; however it allows organisations to benefit from the University's existing expertise & skills
- Can be a great way to build relationships which can lead to research contracts and impact
- Financial return to individuals
- Impact
- The University is a charity so consultancy projects are run through a separate company as they don't meet charitable criteria

## What is not Consultancy / Contract Research?

- External peer review.
- External examining.
- Honoraria received for service to academic boards.
- Grant panels.
- Non-executive boards.
- Editorial work.
- Royalties on publications.
- Service to research councils.



## How do we decide if its CR or C?



## Contract Research Process

- How the project come about
  - Academic discussions with the sponsor
  - Organisation get in touch with us
  - Call for tender published
- Project Development
  - Scope developed with client/academic
  - College provide costing
  - Determine price
  - Finalise price/scope

## Contract Research Process...

- Contract
  - Have a suite of template contracts
  - Can do the negotiation with the client
  - Support for legal on client contracts and amendments to our contracts
  - Arrange signature
  - Circulate so work can commence
- Follow up
  - If appropriate follow up with client/academic on completion to determine future potential

## BUS Contract Research Clients

- DEFRA
- NHS Employers
- KPMG
- SWW
- Arts Council
- World Bank
- Other Universities

## Things to be aware of when developing a project

- Cost vs Price
- Timescale expectations
- IP position
- Confidentiality – NDA needed?
- Publication rights
- Liability limits
- Which contract to use

## University Consultancy

- Is processed through UoE Consulting Ltd who provides:
  - Professional indemnity insurance of up to £10million
  - Accounting and invoicing services
  - Support in preparing and executing contracts
  - Negotiation of the best possible commercial rates
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  - UoE Consulting charges 15% up to £3,000 to cover costs

## Financial Rewards of University Consultancy

- Payroll or PDA
- Client & contract value
- Additional benefits to the College/academic

Salary £50,000 p.a

Cost to client £692+VAT per day

£284 Salary recovery + overhead

£304 Staff payment

£104 UOE Consulting (15% fee, capped at £3K)

## Consultancy process

- Project scope developed with client
- IIB calculate the costs of the project
- Discussion with academic/college about commercial rate
- Quote sent to client
- If agreed contract drafted
- Contract executed and circulated
- Work starts
- On completion confirm if invoice can be sent
- Once money received from client, college invoice UoE Consulting to receive money
- Academic receives payment

## What is private consultancy?

- Approval needed from College PVC
- Issue client with disclaimer
- The University is not responsible/liable for the work
- The University insurance does not cover the work
- You are responsible for all contractual and financial arrangements



## **Business School consultancy clients**

- **Safran Financial**
- **Centrax**
- **Bearing Point**
- **Moog International**
- **National Audit Office**
- **Dstl**
- **Devon County Council**
- **Hydro International**

## Further example projects – across the university

- **CEE** – Strategic Energy Study for Devon County Council
- **CEFAS** – Ocean energy secretariat function
- **Huawei** – A £75k consultancy project has now led onto 3 research contracts the last worth £233k
- **Times League Tables** – Approx. £35k per year to produce the Times University league tables

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## How much is Consultancy worth

	2017/18	2016/17
	Final	Final
	£	£
<b>Business School</b>	<b>26,107</b>	<b>25,423</b>
<b>EMPS</b>	<b>283,679</b>	<b>279,013</b>
<b>HUMS</b>	<b>3,737</b>	<b>1,250</b>
<b>LES</b>	<b>349,019</b>	<b>267,682</b>
<b>SSIS</b>	<b>67,340</b>	<b>55,911</b>
<b>UEMS</b>	<b>131,417</b>	<b>77,246</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>153,327</b>	<b>157,095</b>
	<b>1,014,625</b>	<b>872,950</b>

- Happy to discuss any potential projects- the earlier you get in touch with IIB the more we can help

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**Any Questions?**