

Workshop #2

March 22, 2023

MRF Initiative: A Makeover for MROL & FReD

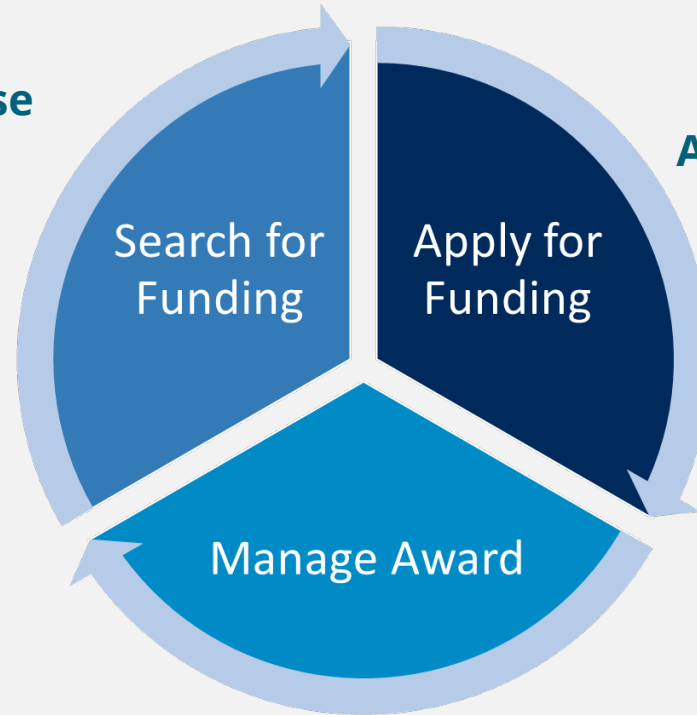
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AGENDA

- Where are we now?
MROL & FReD's role & current limitations
- Where are we going?
My Research Funds (MRF) Initiative overview
- How did we get there?
Designing MRF through the lens of end-users
- What changes should we expect?
Tour of the new system

Research Funding Lifecycle

Funding Opportunities Database
Research Alerts



My Research Applications & Agreements (MRA)

My Research On Line (MROL)

- Funded Research Digest (FReD)
- Expense Reports

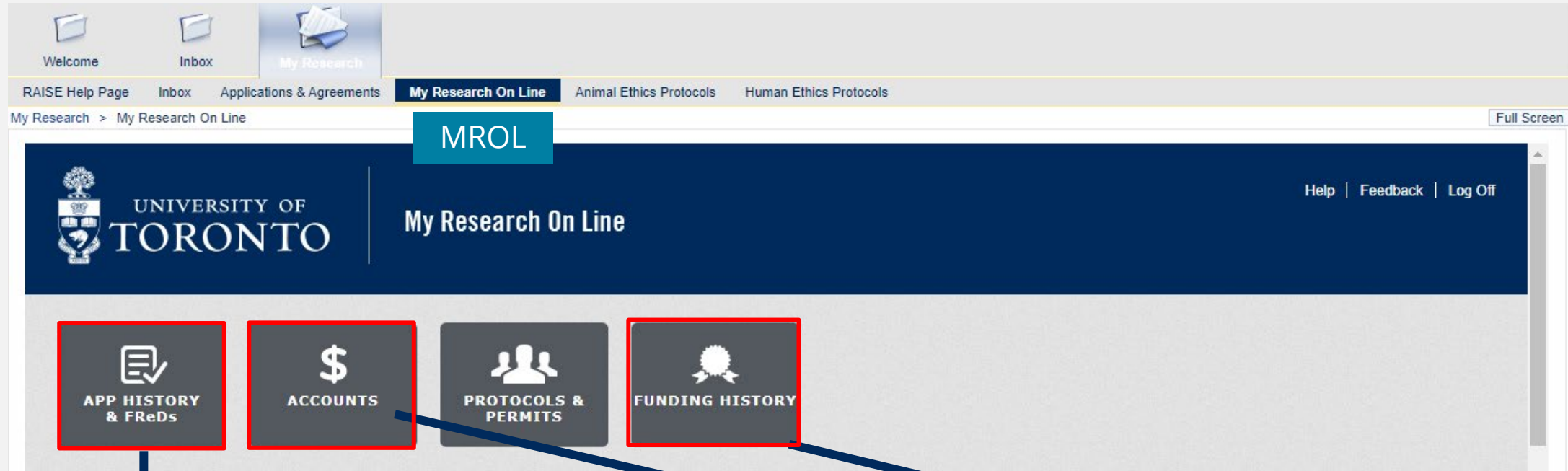
RIS & FIS

- Funded Research Digest (FReD)

My Research Platform

The screenshot displays the University of Toronto Administrative Web Services interface. At the top left is the University of Toronto logo. The main header reads "Administrative Web Services". A security warning banner states: "To protect the security of your data, this application will automatically terminate in 02:28:43. Unsaved work will be lost." Below this is a navigation bar with icons for "Welcome", "Inbox", "My Research" (highlighted), "My HR Self-Service", and "Expense Reimbursement". A secondary navigation bar includes "RAISE Help Page" (highlighted), "Inbox", "Applications & Agreements", "My Research On Line", "Animal Ethics Protocols", and "Human Ethics Protocols". Below these are four colored buttons: "MRA" (pink), "MROL" (teal), "MRAP" (blue), and "MRHP" (red). A help desk notice at the bottom reads: "For technical assistance with My Research Systems contact the Help Desk Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m."

My Research On Line



Detailed Funded Research
Digests (FReDs)

Phase 1 
Summer 2023

- Research account details
- Funding history

Phase 2

Funded Research Digest (FReD)

University of Toronto Office of the Vice President, Research Funded Research Digest				
Principal Investigator: Picard, Jean-Luc		UTRS Application: 1xxxxx	Funded Research No.: 72xxxxxx	Page: 1
Department: APSC:INST OF BIOMATERIALS & BIOMEDICAL E		Fund No.: 5xxxxx	Type of Agreement: Operating Grant	
Sponsor: 303157 CIHR - Grants		Sponsor's Reference: CPG-xxxxxxx	Fund Period: April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2022	
PI Fund Center: 2xxxxx	Department Fund Center: 100525 - APSC:Biomedical Engineering General		Grant Period: April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2021	
Location of Research: St. George Campus;		Fiscal Year: Apr-Mar	Internal Order:	Cost Center: 11217
Short Title of Research: Engineering DNAzyme-gold nanoparticles diagnostic device				
BUDGET				
	Apr 2018	Apr 2019	Apr 2020	Total Budget
Open	87,724.00	87,724.00	87,724.00	263,172.00
Total equipment	15,000.00			15,000.00
Subgrant1: Sunnybrook	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	90,000.00
Total	132,724.00	117,724.00	117,724.00	368,172.00
Notes on Budget				
Revision 1 (19.06.2018): Subgrant1: Sunnybrook set up as per fully executed Collaboration Agreement. Period budgeted \$30,000 each in Apr-2018, 2019 and 2020.				
Fund set up May 22, 2018.				
This grant is administered under the CIHR/NSERC "Collaborative Health Research Projects" Partnership Program.				
Budget Transfer Rule				
Grantees are not required to adhere strictly to the allocation of funds set out in the application as long as they use their grant for the broad purpose for which it was originally awarded.				
Carry-Forward Rule				
100%				
Ineligible Expenses				
Refer to "Use of Grant Funds" for Professors at (http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdminGuide-GuideAdminFinancier/FundsUse-UtilisationSubventions_eng.asp)				
Items that cannot be charged to CIHR/NSERC grants include, but are not limited to the following: Overhead, space renovation or construction, purchase of laboratory furniture, Compensation-related benefits to recipients of stipends, passport and immigration fees for travel, discretionary severance and separation packages, etc.				
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Items that can be charged to CIHR/NSERC grants include, but are not limited to the following: Travel related to the research program and in accordance with the University's guidelines; compensation for research assistants and technicians, in accordance with the University's salary scale; may also include the University's contributions such as, but not limited to, superannuation, group insurance and other institutional employee benefits.				
PLEASE NOTE: Research involving human subjects, vertebrate animals, or biohazardous materials may not be undertaken without prior written approval of the appropriate University Review Committee. Other questions related to this Funded Research Digest should be referred to Bob Loblaw at 416-946-1234 or by E-Mail bob.loblaw@utoronto.ca				
Distribution:	Principal Investigator Chair/Director Dean/Principal Business Officer	FReD Release Date:	June 19, 2018 Type: Revision 1 Authorized by: Bob Loblaw Accountant: Beverley Crusher	

Where Are We Going?



My Research > My Research On Line

Full Screen

MROL → MRF



My Research On Line

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-  **APP HISTORY & FREdS**
-  **ACCOUNTS**
-  **PROTOCOLS & PERMITS**
-  **FUNDING HISTORY**



University of Toronto
Office of the Vice President, Research
Funded Research Digest

Name/Investigator	TI/CR Application No.	TI/CR Application No.	Start
Danish, Ana Lili	24591	24591	2015
DAVIS, STEVE	24591	24591	2015
DRUMMOND, GREGORY	24591	24591	2015
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BUCKET	Apr 2015	Apr 2016	Apr 2017	Total Budget
Open	\$1,734,000	\$7,724,000	\$7,724,000	\$17,182,000
Total equipment	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Equipment - non-equipment	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000
Total	\$11,734,000	\$14,724,000	\$14,724,000	\$41,182,000

Next Year Budget
 Funding from the UTRAC program is per fully executed Collaboration Agreement. Period budgeted \$10,000,000 in Apr-2016, 2017 and 2018.

Funding Year 2016-2018
 This grant is administered under the UTRAC "Collaborative Health Research Program" Partnership Program.

Budget Transfer Risk
 An application is not eligible to receive funding from UTRAC until the application is approved and the grant is awarded.

Carry Forward Rule
 N/A

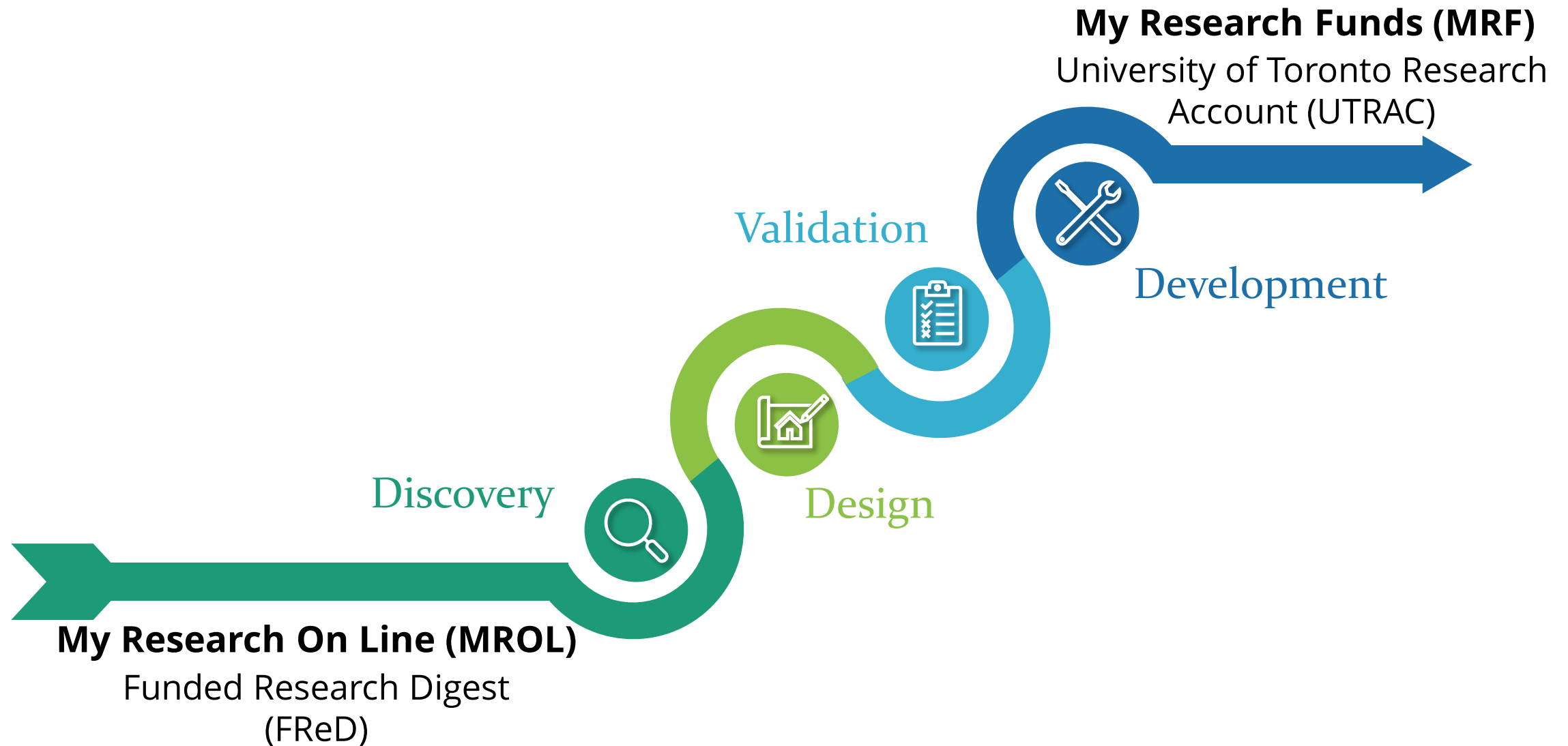
Severable Expenses
 UTRAC is not eligible for funding for the following categories: Severable Expenses, Overhead, Open materials or other miscellaneous. All other UTRAC eligible categories are eligible for funding. Expenses are subject to UTRAC review and approval. UTRAC does not fund travel, miscellaneous and separate packages, etc.

Eligible Expenses
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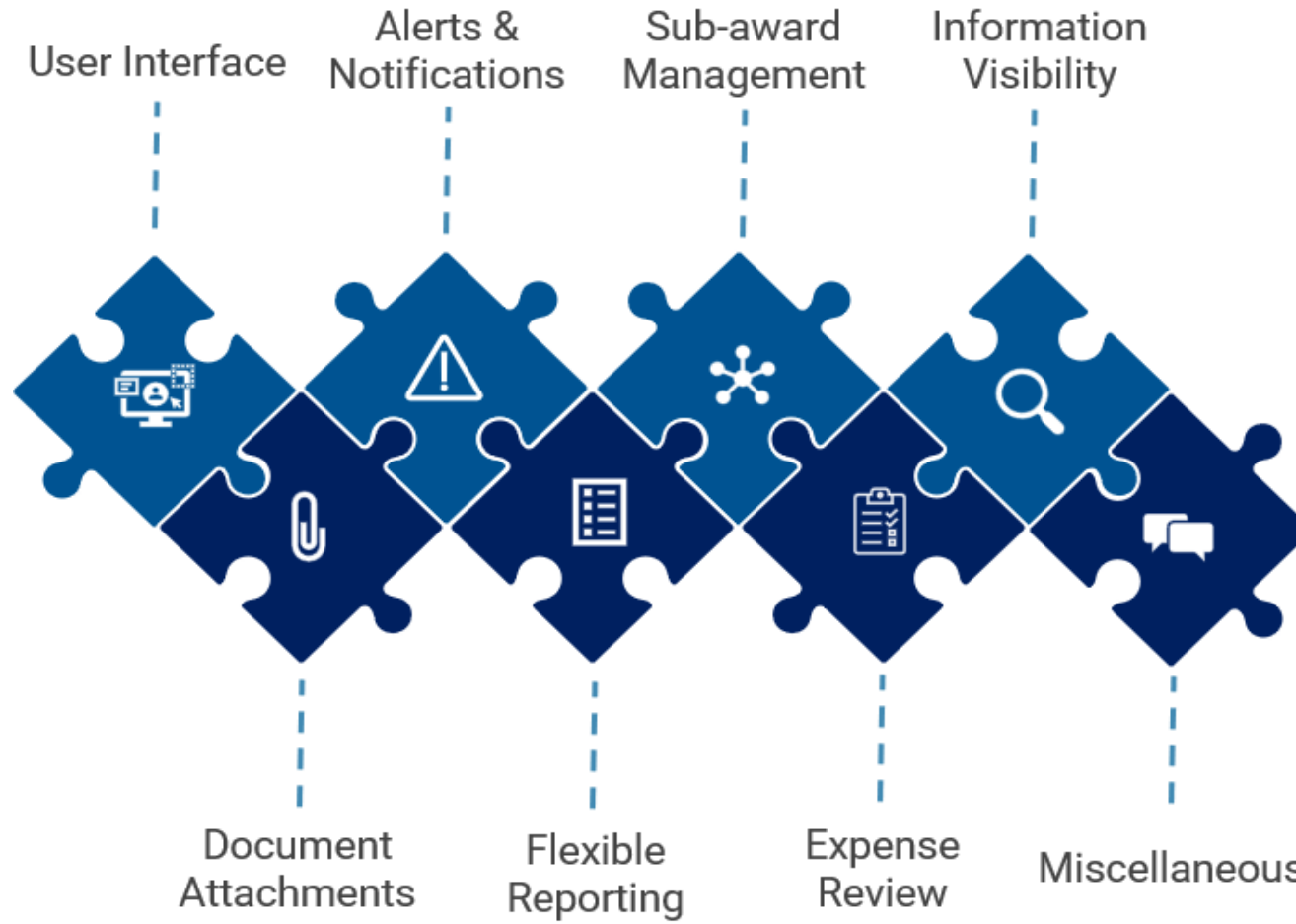
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FReD → UTRAC

Our Development Journey

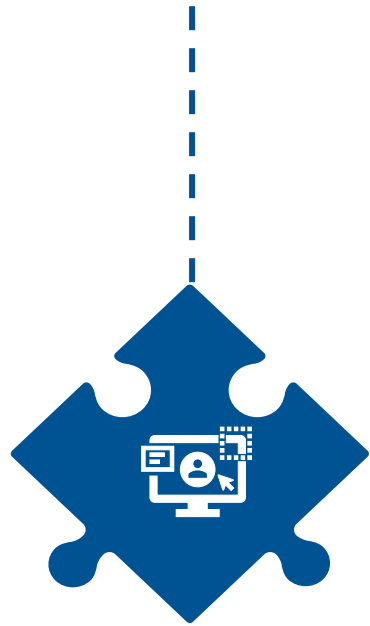


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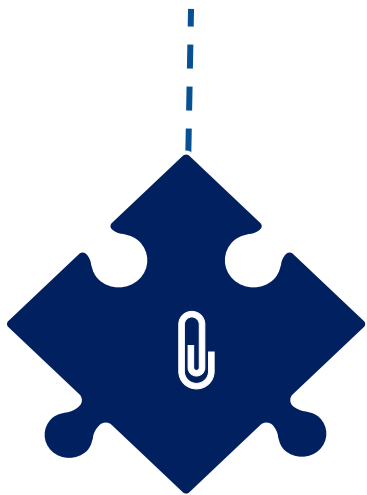
User Interface



- Users expressed frustration with FReD's **inefficient navigation flow and difficult-to-read text**
- Users expressed a strong desire to **streamline visual elements and navigation flows**, based on the following broad principles:
 - **Easy to read content**
 - **Expandable/collapsible menus**
 - **Help menus and tool tips**

What Did We Hear From Our End-users?

Document Attachments



- Many users were **frustrated by the current, e-mail-based process** by which funding documents are distributed.
- Users wanted to see **important documents such as award letters and funding agreements attached to the FReD**

Let's take a tour

How Can You Be Involved?

- Help us spread the message by letting your staff & colleagues know about the MRF initiative
 - VPRI is available to host **division specific info sessions & demos**
- Participate in **end-user testing**
 - Sign up
 - Or email Safa.Faidi@utoronto.ca



 General

My Research Funds (MRF): MROL and FReD Renewal Initiative

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Overview

The Division of the Vice President, Research & Innovation (VPRI) in partnership with the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) has embarked on an initiative to upgrade and modernize My Research On Line (MROL) and the Funded Research Digest (FReD) into a new service called *My Research Funds (MRF)*. MRF will serve as an online interface to the University of Toronto's (U of T's) Research Information System (RIS) and Financial Information System (FIS), providing principal investigators (PIs), project managers, divisional administrators, and VPRI administrators with role-based access to key research funding information, including terms and conditions for awarded applications, financial account details, and funding history.

MRF will replace MROL and FReD and transform these systems into a modern research funding administration service that supports the University's complex research enterprise. The upgrade will allow users to access the same information they are familiar with in a streamlined interface and new functionalities.

This initiative is part of U of T's renewal of its SAP systems under the [U of T Enterprise Modernization Program](#).

Upcoming Workshops

DiscoverResearch - U of T's New Expertise Discovery Tool

April 13, 2023 10:30 – 11:30 am

Partnership Guide

May 24, 2023 (Time TBA)