

Information Note



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HEEFS Subscription Services

As we indicated in last month's bulletin, from the first of August this year we will be moving to a subscription based shared service model. In March we wrote out to all Heads of Institution in the UK indicating that the subscription price would be dependent upon the number of HEIs subscribing. Following the level of positive responses to the letter, I am pleased to inform you that for those that return completed Commitment Forms by 29th May 2011, the maximum price of a subscription to HEEFS has now fallen to £4,000 for the year to 1st August 2012, and we are hopeful of the price falling further, nearer to our target price of £3,500. If your Institution intends to subscribe, please let us know as soon as possible. We will then be able to offer all HEIs even greater value for money.

As I hope you are aware, HEEFS provide shared services for UK universities and colleges that increase the likelihood of winning funding and that reduce the costs associated with applying. HEEFS supports a portfolio of EU grants that part-fund collaborative projects that can enrich student experience, enhance employability, build research partnerships and open new markets. HEEFS specifically provides support for grant programmes that are not included in the EU Framework Programme.

HEEFS will ensure that subscribers receive the information that universities and colleges need to access the benefits provided by each of these funds. This is considered to be most valuable to those institutions seeking support for international collaboration but who lack resources to monitor, assess and disseminate information for all funding programmes. HEEFS provides services that support the application processes which will also be offered preferentially to subscribers. As you know, a full list of these programmes appeared in Bulletin 26 (pages 8-10).

If you want to know more about HEEFS, our subscription and our services, or if you feel that another colleague is a better contact for us please let us know by email to heefs@ljmu.ac.uk

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