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Introduction

The [Research Infrastructure for Conservation and Heritage Science \(RICHeS\)](#) programme is launching an Access Fund to support eligible users in accessing RICHeS-funded equipment (including mobile units), facilities, collections, and expertise.

This initiative aims to foster and strengthen collaborative, interdisciplinary, and multidisciplinary research between users and the service providers hosting these resources, while also demonstrating to the public the impact and value of a distributed research infrastructure.

At a programme level, RICHeS aim to create a national heritage science infrastructure that is accessible to users and supports collaboration and innovation. Currently, the main barriers to greater access to existing facilities and collections are resourcing, awareness, expertise, and cost. RICHeS address the first three challenges through other parts of the programme. The Access Fund specifically targets the challenge of cost, supporting both the users, and the service providers. By facilitating access to RICHeS-funded infrastructure, it will further support the development of expertise and career progression, particularly for Research Technical Professionals (RTPs).

Types of Access Requests

There are two types of access requests, depending on the level of RICHeS involvement. **This document specifically relates to 'Type Two: Access Fund Requests (RICHeS Involvement)'.**

However, we have also provided contextual information for direct requests to a service provider that do not involve any RICHeS funding:

Type One: Direct Requests (No RICHeS Involvement or Funding)

- Where no additional funding is needed, users can make direct requests to a service provider without the involvement of RICHeS. In these cases, the service provider should log the activities in their regular quarterly and annual reports if the work involved RICHeS-funded equipment (including mobile units), facilities, collection, or expertise. Additionally, the service provider is strongly encouraged to deposit any data produced with the Heritage Science Data Service (HSDS), or an approved alternative trusted digital repository, within three months of completing the analysis, or as soon as practicable. This data *may* be subject to an embargo period of no more than two years. This work may be commercial (where fees are charged by the service provider), funded through other sources, or provided in-kind if there are additional benefits influencing decision-making (e.g., collaboration or strategic advantages).

Type Two: Access Fund Requests (Direct RICHES Involvement or Funding)

- RICHES will be directly involved when users are successful in applying to the Access Fund, with RICHES providing financial support for eligible costs. Please refer to [Eligibility: Costs](#) for more details. In these cases, the service provider will collaborate with RICHES to help check and determine the feasibility of the proposed applications, before enabling access to the equipment, facilities, collections, or expertise. Additionally, the service provider must ensure that any data produced is deposited with the HSDS, or an approved alternative trusted digital repository, within three months of completing the analysis, or as soon as practicable. This data *may* be subject to an embargo period of no more than two years.

Data Deposition: Policy Position for both Type One and Type Two Access Fund Requests

‘Free’ access covers the deposition with HSDS of any data arising from the use of RICHES-funded facilities and collections, where such usage:

- Takes place before 31 August 2029;
- is non-commercial; and
- has been awarded through the RICHES Access Fund or any future RICHES-funded activity, where HSDS and RICHES agree to make the deposition or archiving of the resulting data free.

All other data deposition with HSDS will incur a charge. This includes, but is not limited to:

- The deposition of data arising from the use of RICHES-funded facilities and collections as part of other UKRI-funded (including AHRC funded) projects. In such instances, the deposition fee should be included in the project budget.
- The deposition of data arising from the use of RICHES-funded facilities and collections as part of other funded projects (e.g. EU-funded, charity-funded). In such instances, the deposition fee should be included in the project budget.
- The deposition of data arising from the use of RICHES-funded facilities and collections as part of any unfunded projects, resulting from internal use of a facility or collection, or where staff from another institution wish to conduct unfunded research at that facility or collection.
- Commercial use of RICHES-funded facilities and collections.

Timeline and Funding Available

The Access Fund will officially launch on **Wednesday 8 October 2025**, with the first funding period running from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. Users must complete their work within this period.

RICHeS plan to hold a maximum of two calls for access each financial year (April-March), with a total funding allocation of £500,000 for the first year (1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027). Individual awards are available for applications up to £20,000 Full Economic Cost (fEC), with RICHeS covering a portion of the fEC in line with the eligible costs outlined below.

Please note that for the first funding period, the initial call for access will begin earlier to allow for prompt assessment, ensuring projects can start by 1 April 2026. Further information on the second call for RICHeS access for the funding period April 2026 - March 2027 will be released later this year, following the outcomes of the initial call.

Funding distribution will not be based on an even split among existing RICHeS service providers; instead, it will be determined by individual applications and requests.

This funding model will be repeated for the following two financial years:

- 1 April 2027 – 31 March 2028
- 1 April 2028 – 31 March 2029

Please note that in the final year (1 April 2028 – 31 March 2029), the total funding allocation is expected to increase to £900,000. Additionally, throughout 2028/29, the entire RICHeS programme will undergo a recommissioning exercise, with the intention of continuing these calls for access in future years, as well as providing additional staffing commitments to both the facility and collection projects.

We will also be testing our processes and systems between January and March 2026, prior to the first funding period going live, with some pilot projects. We are currently working with organisations to scope these and will collect and use feedback at all stages of testing. This will help inform and shape future iterations of the Access Fund. For example, this could involve implementing demand management control measures, revising the maximum award value, or targeting access for underrepresented service providers, equipment types, methods, or techniques (through a themed call for access).

Eligibility: People

The Access Fund welcomes applications from a broad range of individuals and organisations. **Lead applicants (users) must be based in the UK and can include:**

- Commercial Companies (working in collaboration with an eligible partner organisation, such as a gallery, library, museum, archive, charitable or educational body, or any other [UKRI eligible organisation](#)). This excludes cases where museums or similar institutions are subcontracting freelance work, as this would not be considered a collaboration.
- Community Organisations
- Freelance Specialists (working in collaboration with an eligible partner organisation, such as a gallery, library, museum, archive, charitable or educational body, or any other [UKRI eligible organisation](#))
- Galleries, Libraries, Archives, or Museums (GLAM)
- Academic organisations and educational establishments (such as schools, colleges, and universities)
- Independent Research Organisations (IROs)
- Registered Charitable Bodies or Social Enterprises
- Small Specialist Institutions (SSIs)
- Individual researchers, including PhD or other students whose funding does not already cover costs associated with their research.

Please contact RICHeS@ahrc.ukri.org if you feel that you do not fit directly into one of these people types, and we will be able to advise accordingly.

To be eligible:

- The material under study, or related to the study, must be in the public domain. This could include collections held by galleries, libraries, museums, archives, charities, or private collections that are publicly accessible, as well as archaeological landscapes where the results are intended to be published in the public domain.
- If the material under study, or related to the study, is not currently in the public domain (for example, if museums wish to work on collections before they are made publicly accessible), the route to making it publicly accessible must be clearly articulated within the application.

- Applications must be able demonstrate a clear impact in the public domain. Please see [Application and Assessment Process](#) for further details.

The following are not eligible for Access Fund support:

- Applicants working with materials that are not in the public domain, such as private collections that are not publicly accessible. Unless the material is planned to be made publicly accessible once the work is completed, as outlined above. In this case, the route to making it publicly accessible must be clearly articulated within the application.
- Applications where the work is being undertaken for profit. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Commercial archaeological units operating for company profit.
 - Freelancers receiving payment for work carried out on behalf of commercial units engaged in developer-funded projects.
 - Applications that form part of existing commercially funded programmes, for example post-excavation materials undergoing analysis already funded or part-funded by developers prior to accession by a museum or archive.
 - We fully appreciate that there may be nuance here, so if this section applies to you and you're unsure about your eligibility, please contact RICHeS@ahrc.ukri.org
- Applications (or individuals) whose codes of practice or research subjects do not comply with ethical standards, including the treatment of human remains (unless conducted in accordance with established ethical guidelines) and the illicit use, procurement, or sale of antiquities.
- Commercial companies or freelance specialists that are not working directly in collaboration with an eligible partner organisation (such as galleries, libraries, museums, and archives, charitable or educational bodies, or any other [UKRI eligible organisation](#)), and where commercially derived funding is already available. This includes cases where museums or similar institutions are subcontracting freelance work, as this would not be considered a collaboration.

We are actively exploring how to support commercial companies or freelance specialists who are not yet connected with an eligible partner organisation. If this applies to you, we encourage you to get in touch to discuss possible routes for collaboration or support, via RICHeS@ahrc.ukri.org

Individuals who are named on, or directly funded through, a Tranche 1 RICHeS application (facility or collection) may apply to the Access Fund only if their application involves collaboration with a

different facility or collection from the one with which they are formally associated. This restriction applies specifically to individuals and named partners and means they cannot use the fund to access the facility or collection funded through their original project.

In addition, these individuals or named partners may act as the eligible partner in direct collaboration with commercial companies or freelance specialists (such as a gallery, library, museum, archive, charitable or educational body, or any other UKRI-eligible organisation); however, the application must not support work being undertaken for profit, as outlined above, and access must not take place at the facility or collection with which they are already formally associated.

Eligible organisations, however, **can choose to** nominate other individuals to apply to the Access Fund at facilities or collections **with which they are already formally associated**. Organisations wishing to access the facility or collection they are formally linked with should encourage more junior colleagues, or those with less direct project experience, to apply for the Access Fund to use that facility or collection instead.

Eligibility: Costs

We recognise that there are costs associated with accessing equipment, facilities, collection, and expertise, both for the user and the service provider. It is therefore imperative that users consult with the service provider in advance of preparing their application to ensure the costs submitted are accurate. Please refer to the [Application and Assessment Process](#) for more details.

We have summarised the eligible costs below, clearly distinguishing between those eligible for the service provider and those eligible for the user. Please refer to the [Awarding Cycle](#) section to understand how the funds are claimed back through RICHeS.

The Service Provider Can Claim

- Lab and bench fees, including consumables. This does not have to be exclusively for RICHeS equipment, but at a minimum, one piece of RICHeS, CapCo, or CResCa-funded equipment should be included in the access fund request, as we understand that multiple pieces of equipment may be needed to answer a single project enquiry.
- Costs associated with facility-based work, including the production of facility reports or translation of analysis, including (non-RICHeS funded) technician salary costs to prepare

samples and undertake analysis, where this work cannot be carried out by the RICHeS-funded member of staff.

- Travel, accommodation and subsistence for facility or collection staff (e.g. via MOLAB) to visit the user's site.
- Remote data costs, such as web hosting or server fees required to access monitoring data.
- Equipment maintenance costs, including calibration and software licences. These will need to be calculated and costed on a per-day basis; for example: (annual servicing or software licence cost \div 365) \times number of project days.

The User Can Claim

- Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for users visiting a facility or collection in person (up to two people per visit; more than this requires clear justification).
- Travel, accommodation and subsistence for users to bring items or samples to a facility or collection.
- Packing, postage, shipping, or courier costs for sending or receiving samples, objects, or other relevant items.
- Costs towards insurance, subject to approval.
- Reasonable adjustments to assist the user in completing their project.

The Service Provider Cannot Claim

- General organisational overheads or administrative costs not linked to the funded work.
- Equipment depreciation costs.
- **Note:** These costs can still be provided and recorded as in-kind contributions to the project, even though they are ineligible for funding through RICHeS. Doing so helps demonstrate additional support for the project and can be recognised as a positive contribution towards its overall delivery. **However, ineligible service provider costs cannot be counted towards a service provider's Key Performance Indicator (KPI).**

The User Cannot Claim:

- Costs associated with the preparation or submission of an application to the Access Fund.
- Staff salary costs for the user or employees of the user's organisation (including during the funded work or for application preparation).

- Contractor costs, including fees or salary for freelance or commercial staff collaborating with an eligible partner organisation during the funded work.
- Costs related to the interpretation, publication or display of results (e.g. exhibition materials, public engagement, educational outputs).
- **Note:** These costs can still be provided and recorded as in-kind contributions to the project, even though they are ineligible for funding through RICHeS. Doing so helps demonstrate additional support for the project and can be recognised as a positive contribution towards its overall delivery.

Insurance: Coverage

In principle, the Access Fund does not cover insurance costs that are unrelated to the access programme. However, on a case-by-case basis, it may cover costs associated with the transfer of materials between sites, as well as insurance during the analysis phase. This would need to be itemised as a cost, with an accompanying quote, at the point of application. In the case of exceptionally high-value objects (e.g., a priceless artwork), it is unlikely that RICHeS will have the resources to cover additional insurance costs within the Access Fund. In such cases, early consultation with RICHeS is recommended to assess feasibility. Service providers should contact their internal legal or insurance teams to confirm and clarify what is covered by their organisation's public liability and other insurance policies or indemnities, such as the government indemnity scheme. They should also engage in internal discussions when applications are checked for feasibility to determine if an object's value exceeds standard coverage or if their activities are fully covered under the organisation's insurance parameters. RICHeS also recognises that internal processes related to insurance can take a long time to complete, so early engagement is key to ensuring that appropriate cover is obtained in a timely manner.

Users must also review their own insurance policies to determine what is covered when objects or samples leave their premises. Many organisations will already have insurance relating to the transport of items, such as museum and library insurance (e.g., [Unity Insurance Services](#)).

Insurance: Key Principles

During Transit

- While an object or item is in transit, the user is responsible for obtaining insurance, either through their own in-house policy or via courier services, which may provide additional coverage as part of their services.

Upon Arrival at the Premises

- Once an object, item, or person arrives on the premises, the insurance responsibility remains with the user for the duration of its time at the lab or facility. This should be included in the insurance package initially requested.

For MOLAB Use

- The enabling organisation (service provider) must ensure insurance is in place to cover both staff and equipment during travel when using MOLAB. If equipment is left at a remote location, it is essential to discuss insurance coverage with the user to confirm adequate protection.

Application and Assessment Process

RICHeS will adopt a two-stage application process for the Access Fund. This will include an Expression of Interest (EOI) stage, followed either by an invitation from RICHeS to submit a full application, or (if a user has not submitted an EOI) the option to submit a direct application. In both cases, the user must submit the full application.

Important Notice: Please be aware that not all services listed in the HSDS Catalogue of Services will be operational from 1 October 2025.

Therefore, it is essential to consult directly with the service provider(s) before submitting an EOI, as the service you require may not be available when needed. Early engagement helps ensure requests are feasible and can be accommodated. It also builds a direct link between the applicant and the chosen service provider, allowing them to address any questions about the advertised services. The HSDS Catalogue of Services will provide contact information to facilitate this connection.

EOI Stage

- This stage will open on Wednesday 8 October, and close on Wednesday 10 December 2025.
- The application form will collect both personal and project-specific information, including (but not limited to) a concise description of the proposed project and the work to be undertaken, and the impact the work would have on the applicant's organisation if the project were to go ahead.
- Users will be able to identify their service provider via the [HSDS Catalogue of Services](#) and the application form will also be shared on the [How to Apply – RICHeS](#) page, promoted via LinkedIn, and distributed to all recipients of RICHeS Tranche 1 funding, and external stakeholders (e.g., Art Fund, ICON, AIM, and NHSF) to promote engagement.
- While the EOI stage is **not mandatory and is not formally assessed**, it is strongly encouraged. This is not only to build rapport between the user and their chosen service provider(s), but also to provide RICHeS with an indication of the level of demand across the sector and the potential volume of applications RICHeS might receive.
- RICHeS staff will consult with service providers to help determine feasibility, considering their capacity to effectively support access requests. RICHeS will then invite all eligible users to submit a full application to the Access Fund. If a user has not submitted an EOI, a direct application will still be welcomed.

Full Application Stage

- We anticipate that the full application stage will open in December 2025, closing at the end of February 2026, giving users approximately 12 weeks to further collaborate with their chosen service provider and prepare their application.
- This process will be managed offline and will involve a more detailed application form, where applicants will be asked to (as a minimum): explain how they will utilise the appropriate expertise, justify why their access request warrants funding in the current research landscape, and outline the impact their work will have within the public domain. We appreciate that we will be receiving applications from both small and large organisations, and that the impact of an organisation, whether small or large, often differs in terms of scale, reach, and influence. Therefore, the assessment panel will be asked to assess impact proportionally, ensuring that organisations are not disadvantaged because of their size.
- Following further consultation with the service provider, more accurate costings and a letter of support will also be collected at this stage. This letter should outline the service provider's costs

and the proposed approach to the project and must be signed by the facility or collection Director.

- We will also ask about how data will be managed, and if you plan to deposit data with another approved repository, separate to HSDS.
- RICHeS will then collect and conduct a light sense-check to ensure eligibility is maintained before presenting the applications to an assessment panel. This panel will include key internal stakeholders, as well as a selection of external stakeholders and experts from the heritage science community. The assessment panel will evaluate the applications and provide a funding recommendation to RICHeS.
- **Note:** The assessment criteria are still being developed, but they will be available on the full application form for reference, with questions aligned to the criteria.
- RICHeS will then review the funding recommendation and make any portfolio-based decisions, such as addressing over-representation of:
 - A specific service provider.
 - A specific user, via their business or organisation for example.
 - Certain techniques or methodologies.
 - A particular region of impact.

This process will help ensure a diverse funding portfolio of access requests.

- We anticipate that the assessment panel will convene in early March 2026, with funding outcomes shared with successful users by the end of March 2026, in time for the first funding period (1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027).

Awarding Cycle

Pre-Award

Service providers must inform us if the work funded via the Access Fund is contributing to their KPI, if they have exceeded their KPI already, or if they cannot enable the request to contribute to their KPI, as this will help us profile the spend for Access Fund requests. Please see [Expectations of Service Providers](#) for further information on KPIs.

Post-Award

The **user** must complete the work as per the agreed deliverables with the service provider, then submit a final report to RICHeS, including:

- An overview of the project outcomes, as well as the impact on the public domain.
- A detailed breakdown of finances, including how funds were disbursed.
- Written confirmation that the resulting data has been deposited with the HSDS or another approved repository.

This final report is mandatory and will form part of the terms and conditions of the award. The information provided will also be highly valuable for developing case studies and potentially organising a showcase event. These activities will support the promotion of future application rounds, helping to generate greater interest and encourage a higher volume of high-quality applications.

The **service provider** must ensure that any data produced is deposited with the HSDS, or an approved alternative trusted digital repository, within three months of completing the analysis, or as soon as practicable. This data may be subject to an embargo period of no more than two years.

RICHeS will ensure that all service providers are set up as suppliers on UKRI's internal procurement system. This will enable RICHeS to pay service providers their eligible costs in full once the work has been completed. **Payments will only be made once the KPI has been met by the service provider, or if the service provider indicates to RICHeS that certain consumables fall outside the scope of the in-kind work and should be paid for separately.** For further information on KPIs, please refer to [Expectations of Service Providers](#).

RICHeS will also ensure that all users are set up on UKRI's non-employee expenses portal. The user will be responsible for submitting an expense claim for costs incurred during the funded project, ensuring it matches the detailed breakdown of finances provided above.

Expectations of Service Providers

RICHeS have already funded each service provider with capital and staffing costs to enhance capacity and capability, and to support with enabling access. Therefore, RICHeS expect a certain level of in-kind commitment from service providers to support Access Fund requests each year, which will form part of their KPIs.

Each service provider will be assigned a KPI target of £5k worth of in-kind access per financial year. This should be calculated by the service provider based on the fEC of the work. It is limited to work funded via the RICHeS Access Fund only and cannot include any work undertaken via other sources (e.g., commercial work or via the Access Fund Pilot Programme). For example, from 1 April 2026 to

31 March 2027, each service provider will need to provide £5k worth of in-kind access via the Access Fund. This can be achieved through one request or a combination of requests, where appropriate.

Each service provider will have the option to declare which elements are to be attributed to their KPI and which are to be attributed to their financial claim from RICHeS. If a financial claim is submitted to RICHeS and the service provider has not met their KPI, clear justification will be required to support the request. This may include requests to reimburse directly incurred items, such as travel, accommodation, subsistence, or consumables, which cannot otherwise be attributed to the KPI.

Please note that non-operational facilities or collections will be excluded until they are ready to offer services. These KPIs will be reviewed annually to assess impact, feasibility, equity, and value for money. As such, the agreed KPI may change depending on the level of demand, for example.

If a service provider is both E-RIHS and RICHeS, and offering the same service, then E-RIHS work can count towards the KPI outlined above. However, service providers cannot consistently fail to meet their KPI for RICHeS access and use their full E-RIHS pot instead. If they continue doing this, the future of their RICHeS-funded post may be in doubt after five years. All eligible costs (over the KPI) will be reimbursed at the full rate. Likewise, we would count in-kind commitments in the same way (i.e. the full rate of all eligible costs would be expected to be reported in the application form).

RICHeS will not require acceptance of all requests received through the Access Fund but expects active engagement with the programme, given its existing investment in the facility or collection. Each service provider should determine whether a request is feasible, as well as the relevant timeline for the work. RICHeS will not be involved in scheduling work funded through the Access Fund; however, organisations must be mindful of financial year limitations, particularly regarding when projects by users must be completed. Please see [Timeline and Funding Available](#).

RICHeS will measure service providers against their KPIs and track individual progress throughout the funding period. Data collected during this period will be used to inform and shape future KPIs for service providers, ensuring they are realistic and aligned with actual demand.

Resubmissions and Feedback

In line with [AHRC's resubmission policy](#), users may submit an application for a future round, provided that the focus of their work is not the same as, or substantively similar to, their previous unsuccessful application.

Applicants will receive an integer score and an accompanying grading descriptor following the assessment panel, but no direct (written) feedback.

Contact Details

For help and advice on costings, please contact either your research office (or equivalent) or your chosen facility or collection, allowing sufficient time to submit your application to RICHeS.

If your question relates to the application process or eligibility criteria, please contact RICHeS@ahrc.ukri.org, quoting the name of your application and the service you are applying to access via the HSDS Catalogue of Services.

Appendix A: RICHeS Accounting Principles

All applications submitted to the RICHeS Access Fund should be costed based on the fEC of the research, with all eligible costs that contribute to the fEC being included within the application form. Applications must be costed using the TRAC methodology, as outlined on the [TRAC website](#), and should only include the eligible costs required to support the research related to the application.

Please refer to the [Eligibility: Costs](#) section for further information on both eligible and ineligible costs as part of the RICHeS Access Fund.

Please refer to the [Awarding Cycle](#) section for further information on how these funds will be disbursed by RICHeS post-award.

Appendix B: Managing Overlaps between CapCo, CResCa, and RICHeS

Generally, service providers should adopt solutions that maximise the usage and impact of available facilities, provided they do not breach the terms of the RICHeS grant. This includes using equipment and facilities, involving staff to facilitate access, and listing resources in the HSDS Catalogue of Service. Service providers are encouraged to promote CapCo and CResCa equipment and facilities in the HSDS Catalogue of Services, allowing users to access these resources as part of the RICHeS Access Fund. **This applies only to service providers that have existing RICHeS funding, AND either CapCo, CResCa equipment, or both.**

If a staff member facilitates access to these resources and the equipment is listed in the HSDS Catalogue of Services, no issues should arise from this arrangement. All relevant equipment and facilities must be accurately listed to ensure visibility and compliance. Service providers should ensure that any resources accessed through CapCo or CResCa, including associated staff, are properly documented in the quarterly reports to RICHeS.

This approach aims to foster collaboration, improve facility usage, and reduce bureaucracy, while adhering to the requirements of the RICHeS grant. By following these guidelines, resources will be used more effectively, driving greater research impact across both initiatives.

Appendix C: Glossary

Service Provider

An entity or organisation that offers access to facilities, resources, or services for research purposes. This may include laboratories, archives, collections, or other research assets that users can apply to access.

Catalogue of Services

A listing or directory that provides detailed descriptions of available services, resources, and facilities that users can access, often as part of a research funding programme.

Capability for collection Fund: CapCo

Creative Research Capability: CResCa

Collection

In a research context, a collection refers to a curated group of objects, data, or materials, often housed in a museum, archive, or library. These materials are typically made available for research purposes.

E-RIHS – European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science

A European research infrastructure initiative that aims to improve access to scientific resources and services for the conservation and understanding of cultural heritage. It brings together a network of expertise in the field of heritage science.

Expression of Interest

A formal process in which researchers or organisations express their intent to participate in a project or apply for access to specific resources, often as a preliminary step before submitting a full application.

Facility

A physical or digital space where specific research services, equipment, or resources are available for use. facilities may include laboratories, imaging technologies, or other specialised research spaces.

Full Economic Cost (fEC)

The total cost of a research project, including direct and indirect costs, as calculated by the host facility or collection within this context.

Heritage Science Data Service

A service that provides access to data and research tools specifically for the field of heritage science, which focuses on the preservation, analysis, and conservation of cultural heritage.

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)

A measurable value that demonstrates how effectively an individual, team, or organisation is achieving key objectives. KPIs are often used to evaluate the success of a project or initiative.

Transparent Approach to Costing (TRAC)

A methodology used to ensure that the costs associated with a research project, particularly in large collaborative initiatives, are calculated in a clear and open manner. This approach aims to improve the accuracy and transparency of funding and cost allocations.

User

In a research or facility context, a user is an individual or organisation who applies for access to a particular resource, service, or facility to carry out their research or project. Users may include researchers, academics, or institutions.