RIM v RMA: Mutual areas of interest between Research Information Management (RIM) and Research Management and Administration (RMA) professionals

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• Metric Tide
• Open Access
• Research Information Management

ACU, Supporting Research Community
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• (Beasley, 2006, p.9): “... [those providing] the support required for success in research programs.”

• (Chronister and Killoren, 2006, p.59): “... someone who leads, manages or supports the research enterprise.”

• (Kirkland, 2008, p.718): “… an activity instituted at the level of the institution, which seeks to add value to the research of academic staff, without being part of the research process itself.”

• (Stackhouse, 2008, p.8): “… embraces anything that universities can do to maximise the impact of their research activity. It includes assistance in identifying new sources of funds, presenting research applications and advice on costing projects and negotiating contracts with external sponsors. It incorporates project management and financial control systems. It also involves help in exploiting research results – through commercialisation, knowledge exchange and dissemination to wider society”.

→ International Project: RAAAP; and now INORMS RAAAP-2, & RAAAPA … also PloS
RMA – What’s in a name?

RMA

Research Administrator

PloS

PRISM

Research Adviser

Research and Innovation Manager

Research Manager

Research Facilitator

Research Development
RMA – What do we do?

Developing Proposals
Project Lifetime Support
Translation / Knowledge Exchange / Tech Transfer
Postgraduate Research Student Administration
Policy and Governance
Management Information
Audit and Compliance
Service Organisation and Delivery
Communication and Training

https://www.earma.org/earma-academy/certificate-in-research-management/
RMA – What do we do?

Proportion of RMAs involved in

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Of course not all RMAs are involved in all areas!

**Leader** – head of office, or responsible for leading strategic function(s)

**Manager** – subordinate to a leader but responsible for a team or functional area

**Operational** – responsible for undertaking specific duties, with no line management

Eg: 40% of Operational staff are involved in 6 or more areas of RMA

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RMA or RIM?

- Research Development
- Research Policy
- Open Research
- Project Management
- Impact
- Data Analysis
- CRIS Project Manager
- ...

RIM – just part of RMA…!?
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