



Proposal Title: REX: The Research Expertise Exchange

Year 2017

Period	Clear description of main activities	Clear Key targets to be achieved
January – March 2017	<p>Development and support of case studies of use of REX in ITE modules by HE educators</p> <p>Support for supervision and research within ITE programmes</p> <p>Formation of inter-institutional advisory group, by invitation to stakeholders, to help provide external feedback and advice in the on-going development of the site beyond the initial development period, which ends in June 2017</p>	<p>Organisation and support for the use of REX in teaching modules beyond Research Methods. Trial notion of “Research Teams”, groups of students addressing questions/issues raised by teachers, in specific topic areas such as literacy, in a problem-based learning manner.</p> <p>Support sessions in all partner institutions for supervisors and students using REX as a means of coordinating activity on ITE research projects. Use these sessions as a basis for the development of support materials to be hosted on the site to facilitate adoption by non-partner ITE institutions.</p> <p>Complete invitations and initial communication with stakeholders, January 2017. Complete first meeting and online REX Project group of users from key stakeholders by end of quarter.</p>

	<p>Meeting with stakeholders to identify sources of funds to support on-going hosting, and future development costs.</p> <p>Promotion of the site through social media and presentations to professional groups, particularly to other ITE institutions.</p> <p>Finalisation of Research Stories and other learning and research resources</p> <p>Development and implementation of a refined privacy policy.</p> <p>Software development</p>	<p>Meetings to be held with all three current partner institutions, also with the Teaching Council, and if needs be, the Professional Development Service for Teachers. (Previous meetings with professional organisations have been very positive, but no formal request or offer of support has been made as of December 2016.)</p> <p>Presentation and exhibition stand at Teaching Council's <i>Research Alive</i> shared learning day, to be held in MIC, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017. #REXSupport social media campaign, February 2017. Presentations to <i>at minimum</i> the Schools of Education in NUI Maynooth, University College Dublin, and Trinity College Dublin demonstrating resources and modelling the site's use in problem-based learning activities.</p> <p>Publication of 6 Research Stories and associated learning and research resources.</p> <p>The publication on the site of a complete privacy policy, refined for the specific purposes and activities of the REX community.</p> <p>Publication of the mobile app for Android and iOS platforms. Review and refinement of software on the basis of user feedback generated in Q4 2016. Key priorities: mobile app functionality; aggregated Educational Research RSS newsfeed; various cosmetic/design tweaks; personal publications profile; other technical changes.</p>
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	Reporting and administration	Preparation of report and presentation to the National Forum international review panel, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2017.
April- June 2017	<p>Analyse case studies, gather feedback on site use and functionality from three key user groups</p> <p>Software development</p> <p>Continued promotion outside of partner institutions</p> <p>Report and administration</p>	<p>Focus groups with all three user groups on their experience with REX during research activity (both independent project and collaborative problem-based learning teams). Conduct of questionnaire on user experience and attitudes/perception of the REX resources and network.</p> <p>Continued refinement of the site and resource infrastructure, where budget allows, based on feedback from users.</p> <p>Continued organisation of meetings with ITE providers nationwide, to promote and demonstrate the use of REX in various contexts. Continued social media presence to raise awareness and promote use of REX to professional teachers. #AskitonREX #REXsupport</p> <p>Preparation of report and final presentation to the National Forum international review panel.</p>
July – September 2017	Confirming on-going support and maintenance of the site	

October – December 2017		
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Signed  Date 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

This document should be completed by all funded proposals. When completed the proposal work plan should include specific details (not generic statements) about what the targets will be. It should be interpretable by any reader not familiar with the project. A separate projected work-plan template should be completed for each projected year of the project.