

The Research Risk Profiler

The Research Risk Profiler (RRP) is an easy-to-use tool that helps researchers to navigate an increasingly complex risk and compliance landscape.

The tool is structured as a series of questions about a research project which profiles the risks likely to be encountered. It enables University advice and guidance from the national Trusted Research resources to be brought together in a way which is focused around the particular requirements of the project.

Completing the 15-minute questionnaire will allow researchers to model a range of risk profiles when planning their research project and identify where projects will require additional time to set up.

Profiled risk areas include Trusted Research themes such as partner assessment, Export Controls, and Intellectual Property (IP), as well as associated areas such as Research Ethics.

A User Perspective

Can you tell us a little bit about your work?

Dr. Polyanna Bispo is a Senior Lecturer in Physical Geography within the School of Environment, Education and Development.

Her research specialisation lies in applying Earth Observation datasets, including Optical, Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), and Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR), coupled with field inventories on tropical forest monitoring. The work has an emphasis on forest conservation, ecology, ecosystem modelling, and the assessment of forest disturbances in tropical regions including the Amazon rainforest and the Cerrado (Brazilian Savanna).

Polyanna's research links to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 13 Climate Action and 15 Life on Land.



Dr Polyanna Bispo

What were you using The Research Risk Profiler for?

I was preparing a grant submission for the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship Scheme.

How did it help?

My project involved collaboration with international partners, mainly in Brazil. The tool helped me to identify and assess the associated risks and begin to plan contingencies for them.

The structured questions encouraged me to consider various aspects of these collaborations including data sharing, communication, and knowledge exchange. This approach helped me to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges I might face during the project.

The profiler also encouraged me to provide evidence to support my risk assessments. An evidence-based approach strengthened my application and increased my confidence to navigate the challenges of international collaboration.

Will you use the tool in future?

Yes! As well as helping to strengthen this proposal it introduced me to other schemes, such as the Academic Technology Approval Scheme (ATAS), that will be useful in the future.

This comprehensive approach will ensure that researchers, at all career stages, can gather useful advice from The Research Risk Profiler.

Find out how to use The Research Risk Profiler

The Research Risk Profiler is part of the University's Trusted Research portfolio.

https://www.staffnet.manchester.ac.uk/rbe/rs/preparing/trusted_research/

