# General User Guide For REMS For FIAC User

Disclaimer: Kindly be aware that the screenshots utilised may pertain to a different committee within the system. Please substitute those with the corresponding committee you are a part of where necessary. It's important to note that the screenshots are provided for reference purposes only.

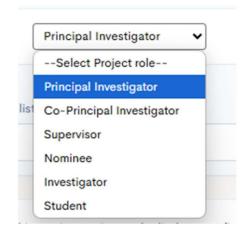
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# System Terminologies

Term	Definition
Principal Investigator	The person who creates and submits the form
Project	Equivalent to a form submission in REMS.
Project Members	Additional members you can add [not needed for FIAC forms.]  Please note that if the members are added to the team, they will be able to view the submissions made by you.
Team Group	Created to manage and submit a form.

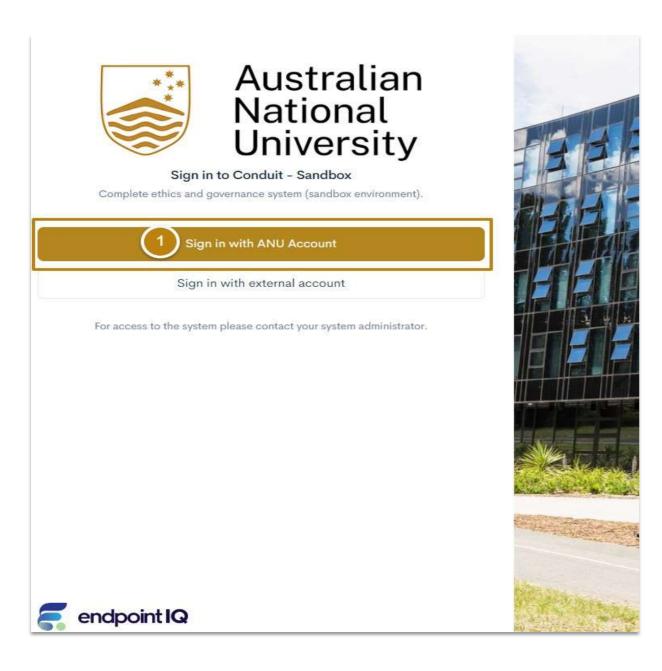
Note: Only the role of "Principal Investigator" is applicable for FIAC forms.



# Accessing the REMS System

The FIAC form needs to be accessed and submitted from the system called Research Ethics Management System (REMS). To access the form, you will first need to log into the system.

# RESEARCH ETHICS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (REMS)



# Access and log into REMS

In your browser, open the REMS log in page using URL:

## https://rems.anu.edu.au/

1. Click on **Sign in with ANU Account** and you will be

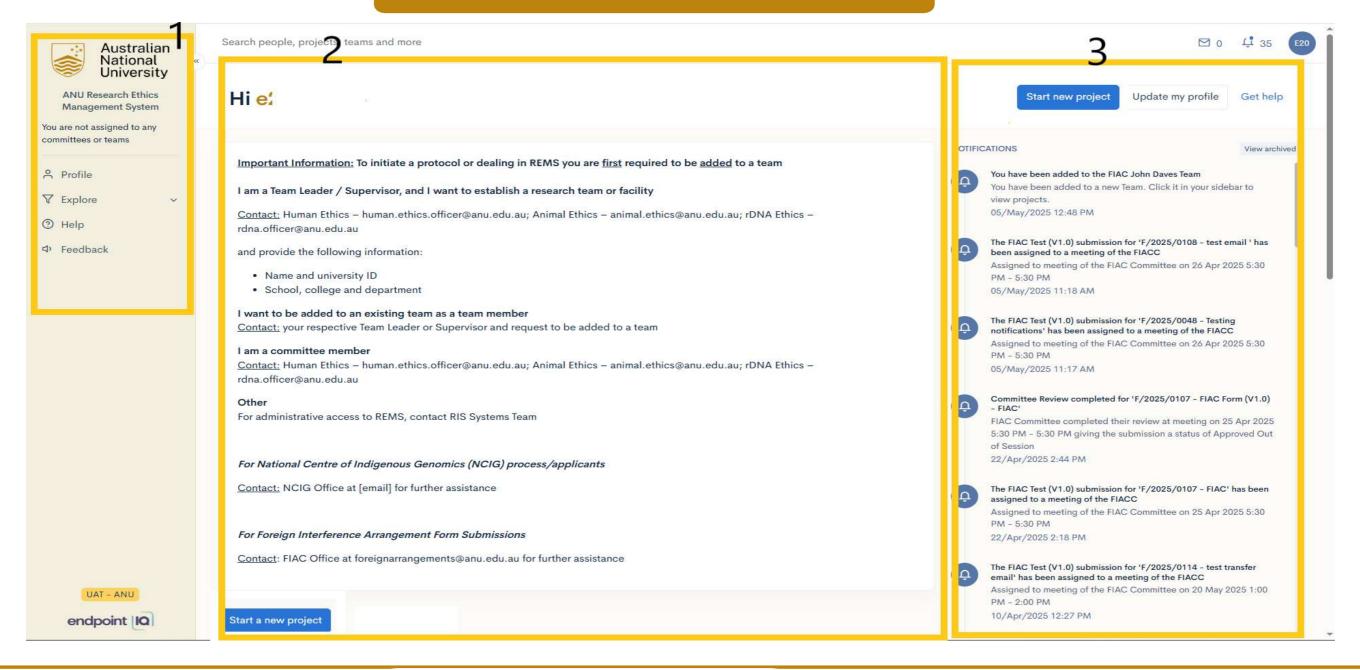
prompted to use SSO **or** enter your ANU user name and password.

## **REMS Dashboard Overview**

#### **New User View**

Upon your first login, you will see:

## **REMS Dashboard Orientation for New User**



- 1. The Navigation Panel (left hand side)
  - Teams you belong to
  - Administration for your profile
  - ANU REMS Help link to REMS training

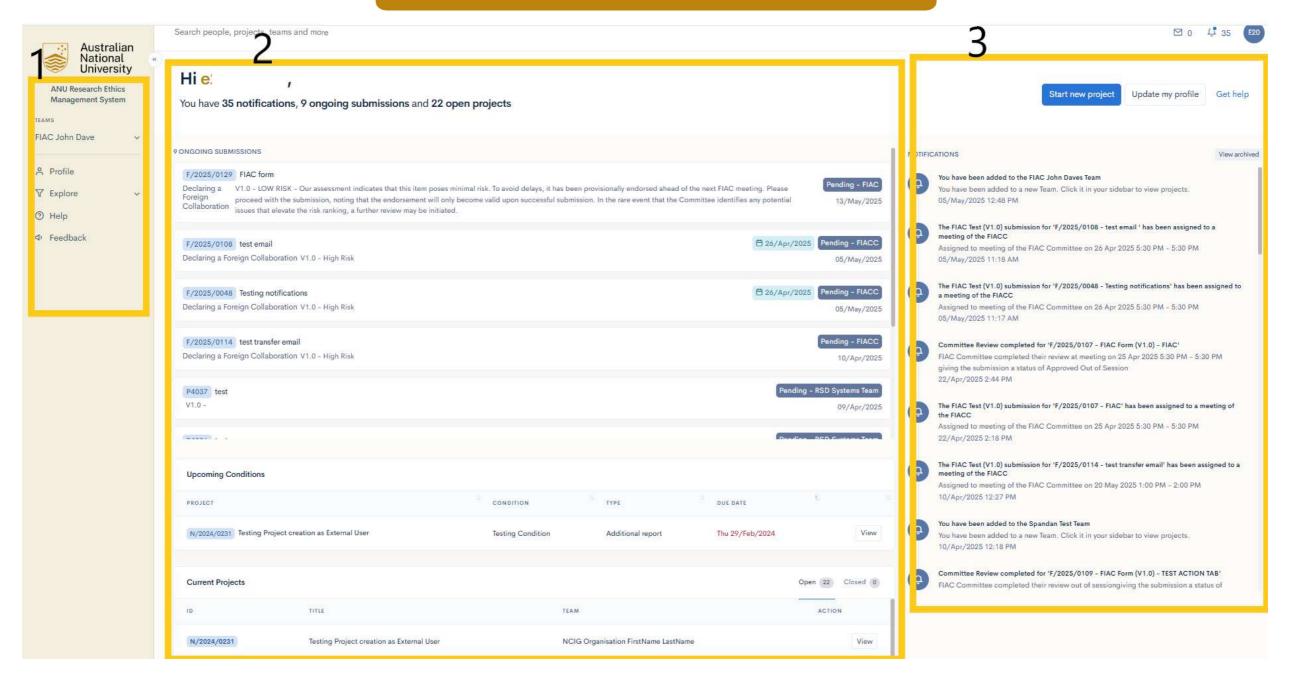
**2. Contacts Information** (Centre of the dashboard)

- 3. Notification Panel (Right hand side)
- Notifications for projects
- **Update my profile**—enter your personal details, education, experience.

## **Existing User View**

Returning users will see:

# **REMS Dashboard Orientation for Existing User**



- 3. The Navigation Panel (left hand side)
- d. Teams you belong to
- e. Administration for your profile
- f. **ANU REMS Help** link to REMS training

- 2. **Submission Updates** (Centre of the dashboard)
  - a. Sign offs required
  - b. Current Projects
  - c. Ongoing submissions

- 4. **Notification Panel** (Right hand side)
  - g. **Notifications** for projects
  - h. **Update my profile**—enter your personal details, education, experience.

## Submitting the FIAC Form

You **must** first create your own team. There are two ways to start:

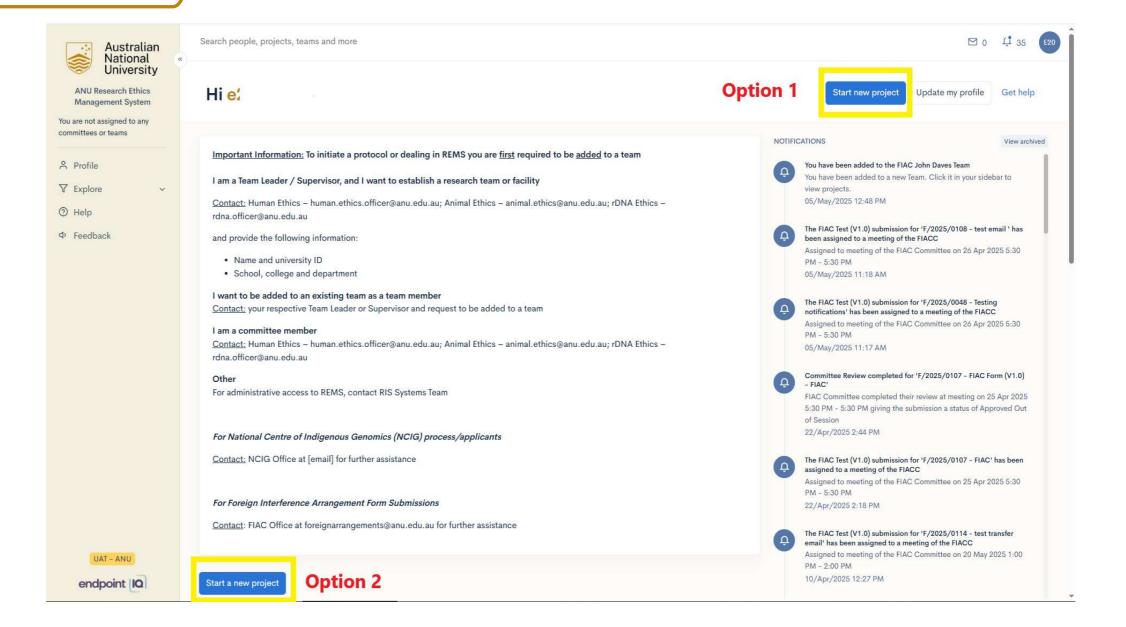
1. **Option 1**: Top Right Button (this option is available for both new and existing users)

Click the Start New Project button on the top-right of your dashboard.

On the pop-up, choose Start Project with New Team.

Option 2: Bottom Left Button
 Scroll to the bottom-left of the dashboard.
 Click Start a New Project.

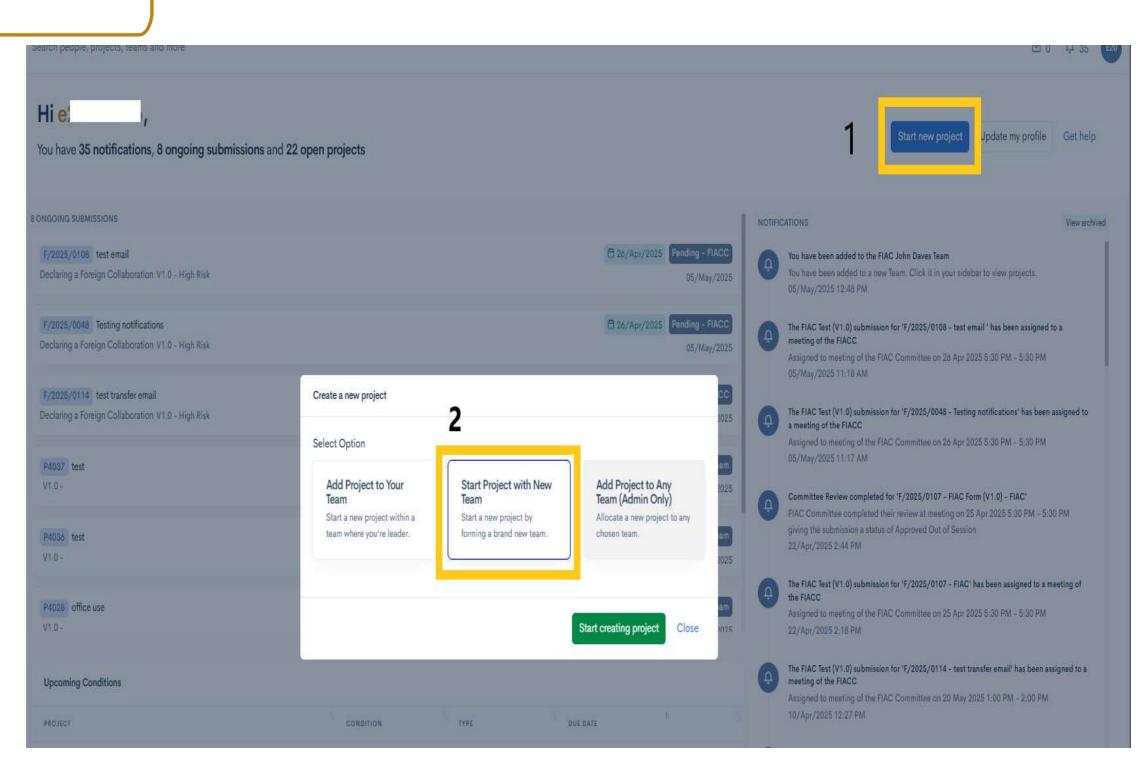
Note: Option 2 might be unavailable if you're already part of a team.



## Creating a Project and Team

## Option 1

- 1. Click on the "Start new project", the blue button on the top-right of the screen.
- 2. On the pop-up, select "Start Project with New Team" Option



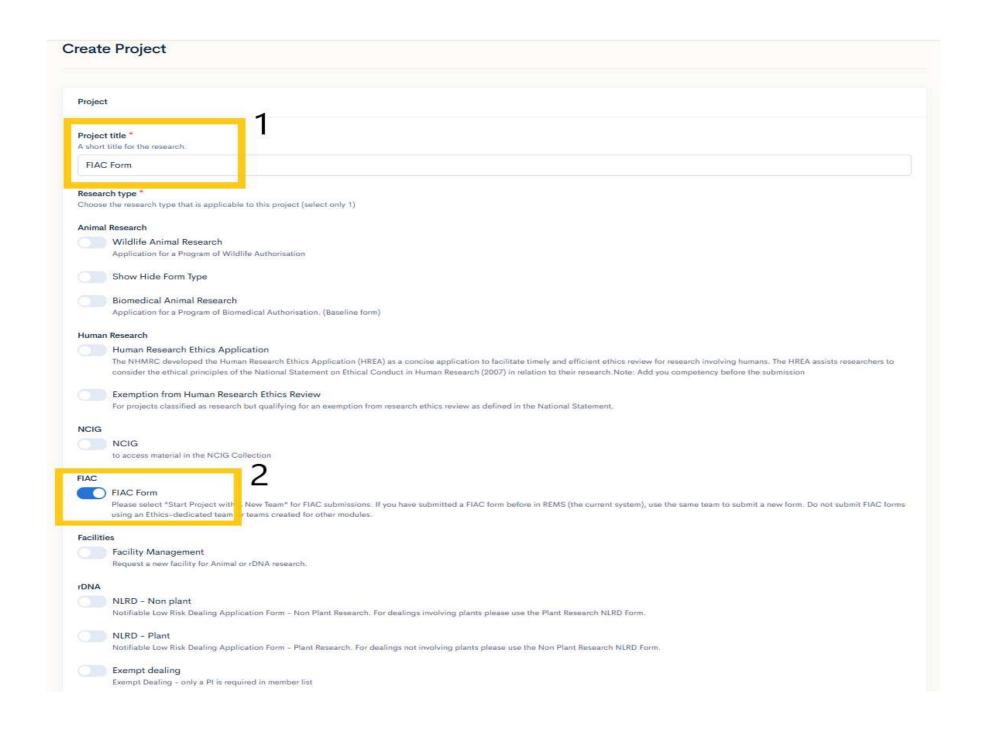
## Option 2

Click on the "Start new project", the blue button on the bottom-left of the screen.

It will take you to a new screen "Create Project"

#### Both Option 1 and Option 2 will take you to the Create Project Screen

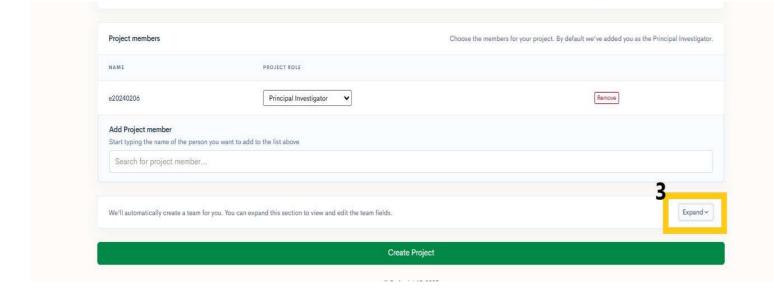
## **Create Project Screen**



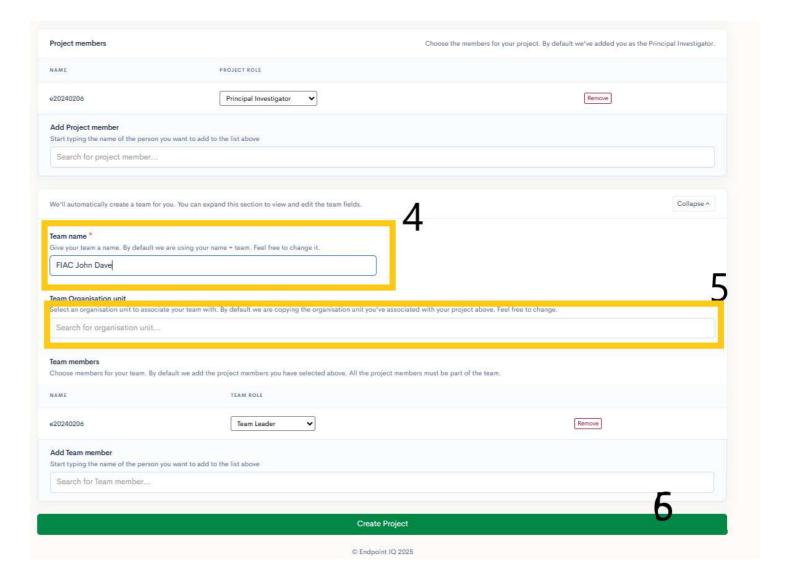
- 1. Enter the Project Title which will basically the title of your FIAC form, you can keep it as simple as FIAC Form or give it an appropriate title as you like
- 2. Click on the radio button where it says FIAC Form. (this step ensures you are picking the correct form from all the available options)

## Create a Team Section

On the same screen if you scroll down a bit, you will see a section called "Project members", this section has a lot of fields with a default value. It is best for us if we update certain things as shown in the screen



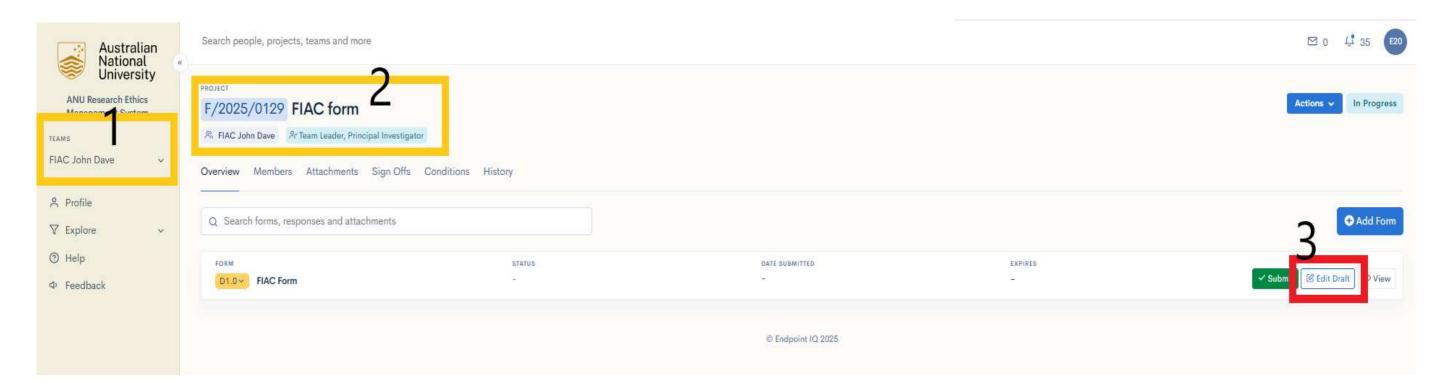
- 3. Click on "Expand" right above the Create project button, this will expand the section and you will be able to see new fields
- 4. Give name to your team, please keep the name format as FIAC your first name your last name for instance FIAC John Daves.
- 5. Select the name of your organisation unit from the drop-down menu
- 6. Click on "Create Project" button



# Accessing the Form

After you select Create Project, you will see the screen below

- 1. This is the team that you created before, you can now access your team any time. If you click on the little arrow beside your team's name, you can see options among which "Projects" is the useful one where you will see the forms you are working on or you have submitted.
- 2. This is the Form number given by system to your form and the title you gave to your form before.



### Edit the form

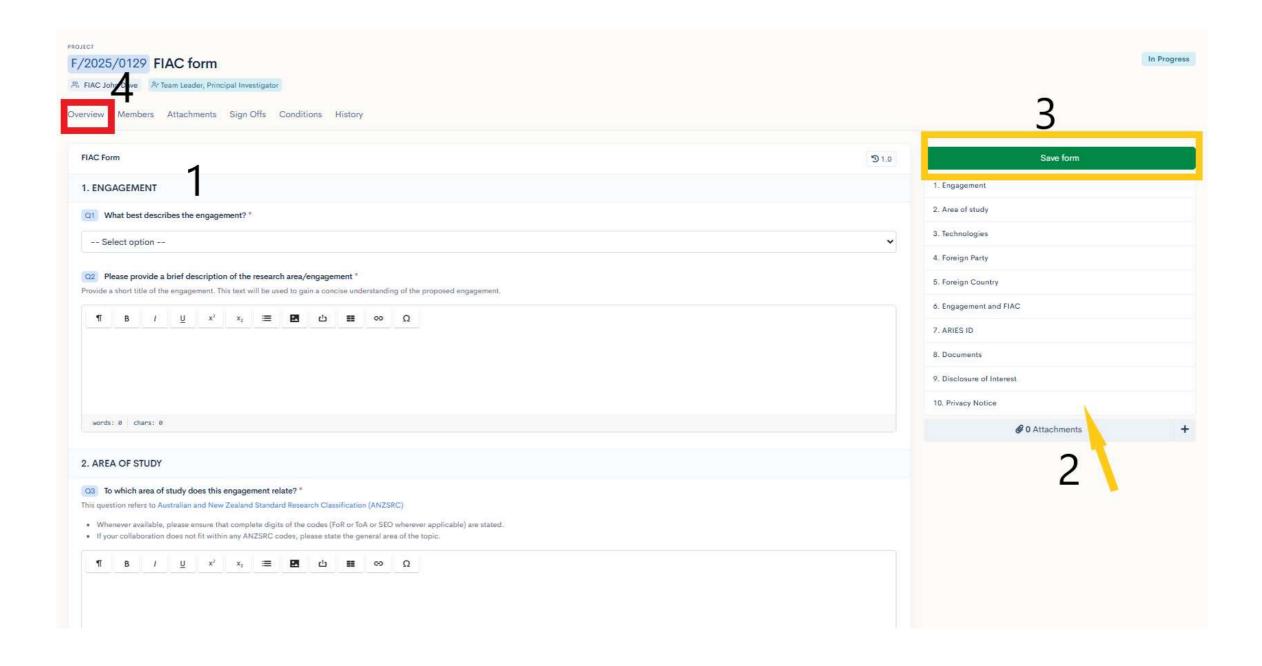
3. Click on "Edit Draft" to further fill in the details and answer questions.

# Completing the Form

- 1. The section 1 you see has all the questions that you will need to fill. Please scroll and complete all the questions that you see on the screen to be able to submit.
- 2. This is navigation menu for question sections within the form. You can use this to move through form sections
- 3. Once you complete all your answers and attach any file that you might need to attach, click on "Save form".

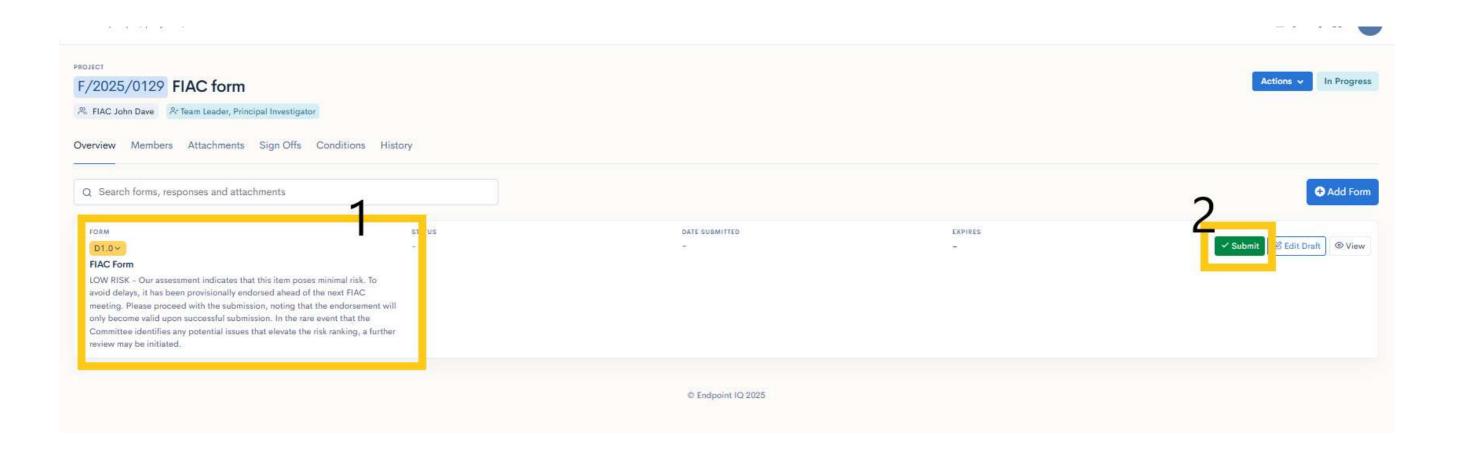
**Please note** you will see validation error if you do not complete your answers. To fix, answer all the mandatory questions.

4. After you have completed all the answers and saved. Click on "Overview" to go the screen where you can Submit the form.



# Submitting the Form

On the Overview screen:

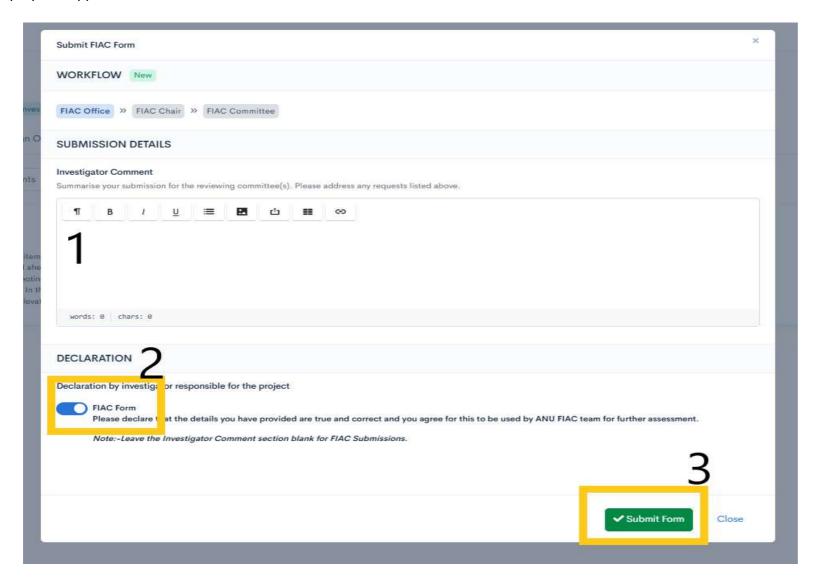


 Once you save your answers and come back to the screen above by clicking on the Overview, you will now see this section which now will display Risk rating for your form.

2. Click on "Submit" if you are happy with everything.
If you wish to change your answers or update or edit any details you can click on Edit Draft and repeat the process and then hit "Submit"

# Final Steps

After clicking Submit button, a pop-up will appear:-



- 1. This is non-mandatory section, you can leave it blank.
- 2. This mandatory button for declaration, please click on the button and make sure it is blue as seen on the screen.
- 3. Final Step "Submit Form"

After you have submitted the form, the form will be received by the FIAC Office and you will be notified about the decision via a system email which will also generate a system Notification for you in REMS.

## Notifications and Email in REMS

As a submitter, you will receive system notifications and email in the following cases:

- 1. Outcome Notification You'll be notified when a decision has been made on your submission (e.g., Approved or Not Approved or Approved with Special Conditions).
- 2. Meeting Assignment You'll be notified if your submission has been scheduled for discussion in a meeting.

Note: You will not receive an email upon submitting the form. However, rest assured you can confirm submission within the system itself.



# **Understanding Form Status**

Once you begin filling in the form, you'll notice a form status appears.

Regardless of the status shown, please ensure you submit the form to complete a valid submission.

#### 1. Status - "LOW RISK"

If your form displays the following message:

"LOW RISK – Our assessment indicates that this item poses minimal risk. To avoid delays, it has been provisionally endorsed ahead of the next FIAC meeting. Please proceed with the submission, noting that the endorsement will only become valid upon successful submission. In the rare event that the Committee identifies any potential issues that elevate the risk ranking, a further review may be initiated."

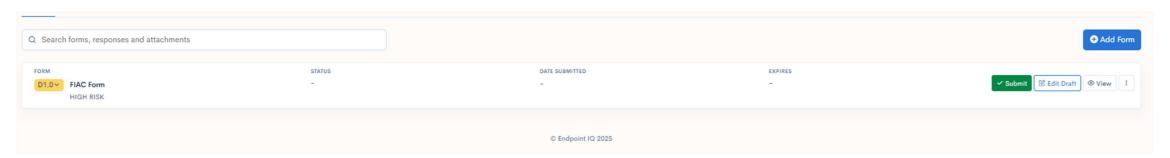


#### Here's what you need to do:

- 1. Submit the form first To initiate the out-of-session endorsement process, you must click 'Submit'. The Committee cannot review your submission until this step is completed.
- 2. You may take a screenshot of this message as evidence of submission. A formal confirmation email will be sent once the Committee has completed its review.
- 3. In rare cases where the Committee identifies concerns that elevate the risk level, a full review may be initiated. If this occurs, we will provide clear guidance on the necessary mitigation steps.

#### 2. Other Status Messages

If your form shows any status other than the LOW RISK message, simply wait for the system-generated email confirming the final outcome. No further action is needed on your part until then.



## **Final Outcomes**

Once you have submitted the form, it will be reviewed and assessed by the Committee. Following this assessment, you will receive one of the following outcomes:

#### 1. Approved

This means your submission has been approved by the Committee. You may proceed as planned. No further action is required.

#### 2. Not Approved

This means your submission has not been approved by the Committee. You will receive an email containing official comments explaining the decision. If you have further questions, you are welcome to contact the Committee for clarification.

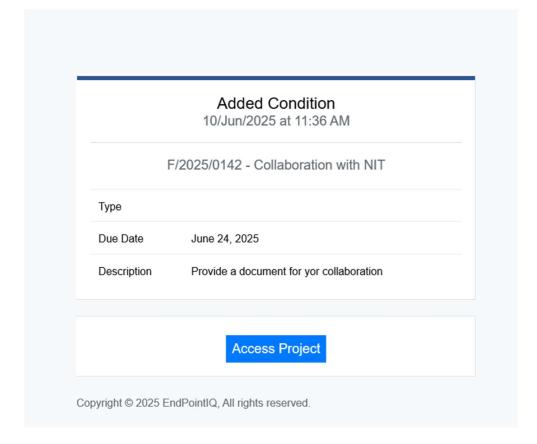
#### 3. Approved with Special Conditions

This means your submission has been conditionally or partially approved. The Committee may request additional information or impose specific conditions that must be fulfilled before proceeding.

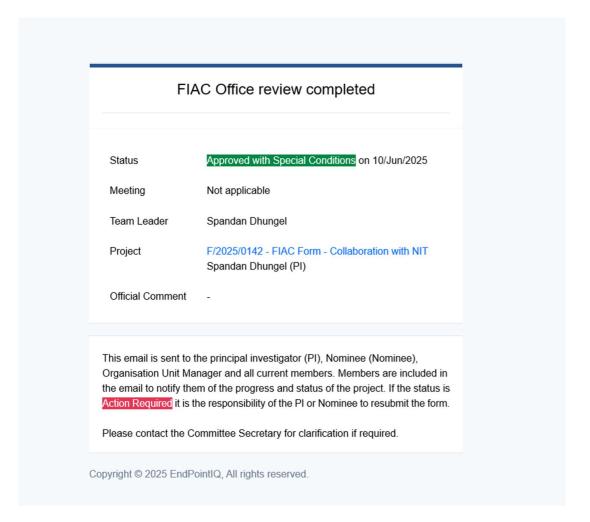
#### **How to Identify and Respond to Conditions**

If your submission has been approved with conditions, here's how you will be notified and what steps you should take:

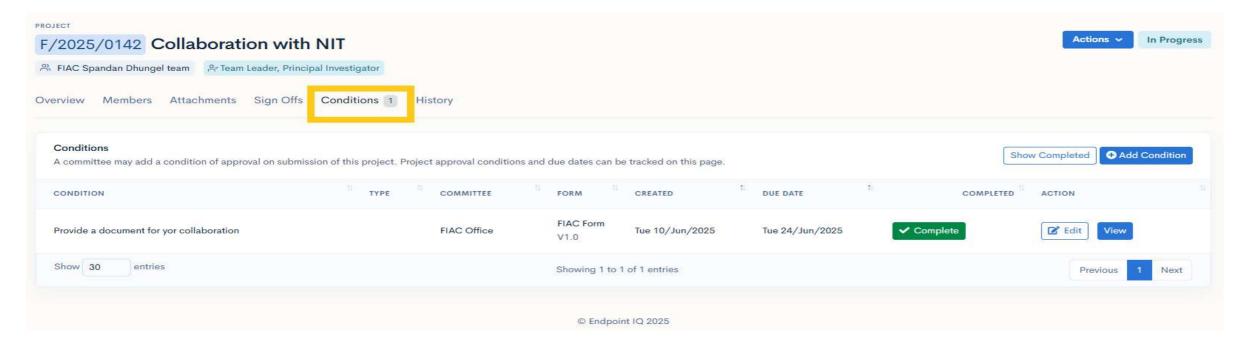
1. You will receive an email with a direct link to the section in your form where the condition is outlined.



2. A system notification will appear, and you will also receive an email indicating that your application has been approved with conditions.



Alternatively, you can access the condition manually by navigating in the system:
 Go to Team → Projects → click View on the relevant form → then click on Conditions.



Please read the condition carefully and ensure you understand what is required.

## To respond:

- Prepare the required information.
- Email the FIAC Committee with your response, including key details such as the Form ID.
- Once the Committee has reviewed and accepted your response, click on "Complete" in the system to finalise the condition.

## **Approval Letters**

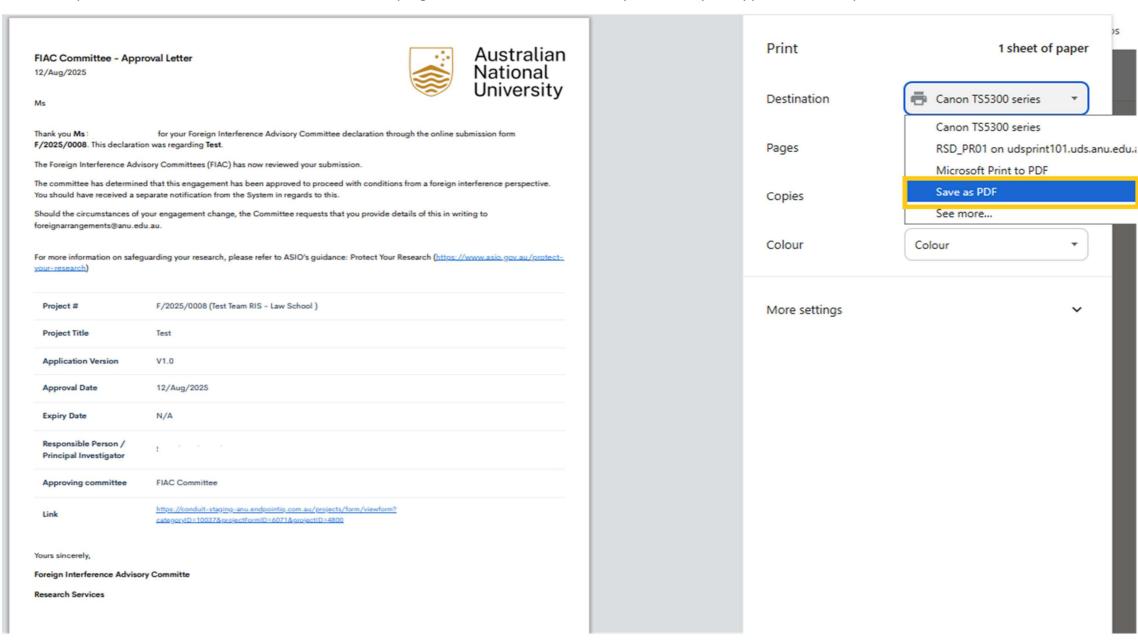
Once your application is approved, you will be able to access the Approval letter from the system.

To access the Approval letter: -

- 1. Log in to the system
- 2. Go to your FIAC team
- 3. Click on 'View' on the application you submitted which got approved
- 4. You will be able to see the Approval letter attached to your application, click on the letter

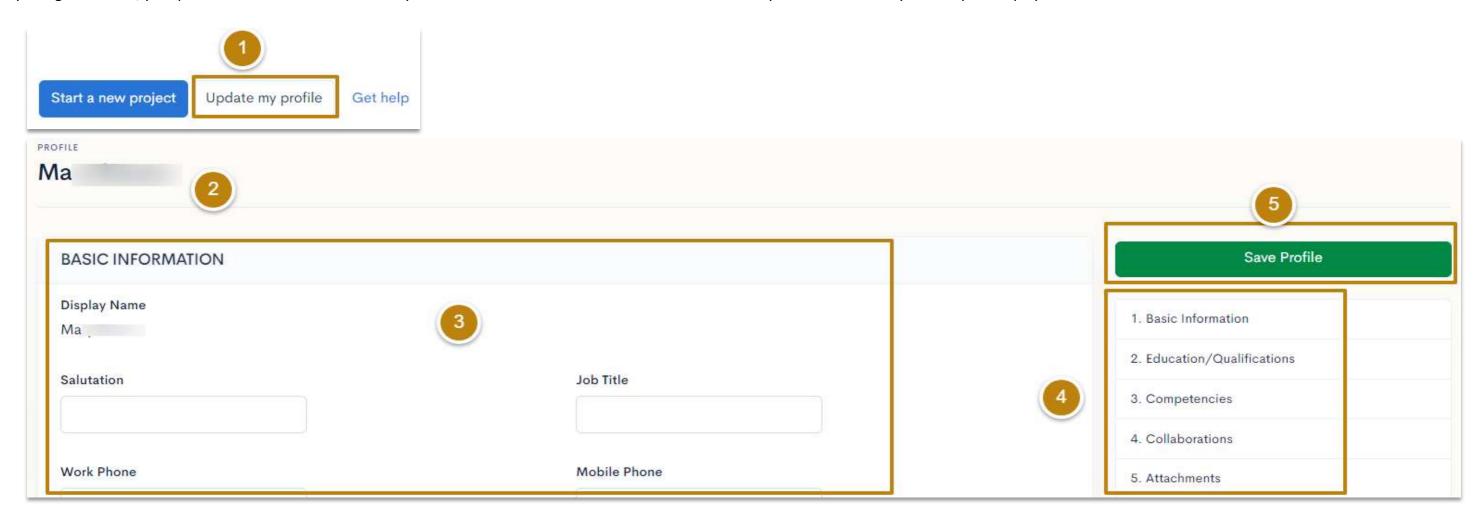


5. The letter will open in a new tab, click on "Print" button at the top-right of the letter; this will allow you to save your Approval letter as pdf



# Updating your profile in REMS

Once you log in to REMS, your profile will be created automatically. There are certain fields that will be fetched from HR Systems automatically such as your Display Name.



- Select **Update my profile** in the **Notifications** panel on the right-hand side of the REMS dashboard
- You are now on your **profile page**, note that your name will be shown at the top.
- Scroll through and **update your profile** as needed, noting prompts to provide missing information
- Alternatively, quickly select the relevant section of the form by clicking on the section
- headings to jump straight to that section to edit and add any attachments as required
- Save profile regularly so that updates are not lost, as auto save is not enabled

# Update your profile!

**Reminder** for you to keep your profiles up to date by entering your personal details, competencies, relevant education and your experience.

This means that your profiles can be used to easily populate your application forms throughout the Project cycle