

Case Study: Providing Tender Support to a World-Leading Health Research Institute

Who We Worked With

The Rosalind Franklin Institute (RFI), a national research institute, dedicated to developing new technologies to tackle important health research challenges

The Situation

The RFI was founded by ten leading UK Universities in 2018, with multidisciplinary research teams and technologies. A new £43m hub building at the Harwell Campus in Oxfordshire forms the focal point of the Institute. As construction was completed, the Institute needed support with procurement activities to equip and fit-out the new building.

What Happened

The Institute approached SUPC for interim procurement support while they carried out their own recruitment activity. We assigned one of our procurement associates and a category manager to work on a range of projects required to equip the building from scratch. These projects included the

tendering of the furniture requirements for the entire building, using HE frameworks which we knew to be suitable for their needs. Our team worked with staff from the RFI to engage them in the selection and evaluation of their suppliers. They also worked collaboratively on tenders for highly specialised scientific equipment. Once a Head of Procurement was appointed in early 2021, SUPC continued to provide support.

The Difference it Made

The Hub was designed as a bespoke building that encourages the cross-disciplinary collaboration needed to tackle complex health research challenges. Access to knowledgeable procurement support and insight into appropriate HE frameworks meant the building could be equipped in a timely, compliant and cost-effective way. Researchers are now undertaking their work in a world-class environment, focussing initially on the problem of infection and the body's response to it.

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