

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 03 October 2023

Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the recent meeting of UCRI:

Main topics of interest:

At this meeting we:

- Reviewed the final reports from our University Research Fellowship 2022 /2023 recipients, and heard brief summaries about how they had enabled a step-change in their research. The recipients expressed their collective thanks for the valuable opportunity for focused critical thinking time and also provided feedback about some of the challenges with preserving research time, which members of UCRI agreed to follow up.
- Reviewed and approved updates to the Leverhulme Early Careers Fellowship selection process which will include opening up the fellowship to IDRCs and encouraging partnering, particularly with the NHM. Applications will be restricted to 1 per school, with an optional 2nd application.

In other news we:

- Agreed to a 50% RETF (NIRD) contribution to support a T&R Fellowship in SAPD.
- Approved an RETF / HEIF funded role for a fixed term Equipment and Infrastructure Scoping Review Project Manager.
- Were updated on highlights of a recent Research Culture Conference, with a strong emphasis on Research Culture collaboration across the sector.
- Approved our final response to the REF 2028 consultation.