

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 06 June 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:

- Considered the scores and comments of the 38 applications received to the RETF Open Call 23 before granting approval to 5 projects for funding totalling circa £185k (£158k in FY1 and £27k in FY2). For future calls, we suggested some improvements to the template and scoring process.
- Reviewed the revised research income benchmarks set in the context of income already achieved, comparator data, past income benchmarks, significant changes to the income benchmarks and FTE changes. We noted that the target is an income target and not an award target. Following discussion we agreed the RI targets to be presented to UBRI for approval in principle. Work will begin to anchor RI targets in the future planning process.

In other news we:

- Received an update on the current RES staffing situation and pledged our collective support.
- Gave our approval, with minor adjustments, to the draft AHRC IAA annual report which will now be submitted.