

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 03 September 2024

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 version 3 of the draft research strategy 2024 to 2030 and we agreed how to proceed with the action plan, framework and KPIs. A first focus group will be convened in October and a call will be released on the staff portal for volunteers for a second focus group to be held in mid-November.
- Considered the Postgraduate Research Student Recruitment Strategy 2024 to 2027 which will be presented at Planning and Change Board next week. We agreed the proposed targets.

In other news we:

- Approved the proposal for a working group to plan strategic research engagement activities to mark the University Centenary in 2026.
- Agreed to continue to support Research Divisions with a £1k annual allocation from RDF.
- Heard about the newly released UKRI Interdisciplinary Awards Call. The call will be capped at 7 outline bids.