

## Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 17 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:

- Discussed next steps for the finalisation of the Research Culture report ready for publication early next year.
- Considered the remit for the creation of a prize for our research community which will be funded by a bequest from the family of the late Professor Cyril Tyler. The first awards are likely to be made in 2025 / 26.
- Reviewed and commented on the draft Academic Careers Framework.
- Made the decision to close the Gold Open Access Fund, due to the high costs and the fact that there are now multiple options for open access publishing. People will be asked to think carefully to select the best possible publishing option and maximise opportunities from the multiple publisher deals negotiated by the University. The ringfenced monograph element will be retained.
- Reviewed the proposed NIRD investment plans and budget.
- Discussed the external review of the UOA 6 Agriculture, Veterinary and Food Sciences, and considered next steps and follow up work.