

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 10 December 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:

- Received an update on the proposed plans for policy support funding which will comprise of bespoke support and an element of reactive support. A roadmap for the future will be developed.
- Discussed the AFESP draft annual report which will be submitted to UEB and the University Scrutiny and Finance Committee in February.

In other news we:

- Endorsed more detailed work to be carried out on the review of the research governance structure.
- Reviewed the RDF internal call guidance and, in acknowledgement of the changes to semesterisation, decided to bring the 2025/2026 URF call forward to launch in Autumn 2025 (arrangements for the 2024/2025 URF call will remain unchanged).
- Approved a request for a NIRD Trust funded AFH Impact Development Officer for REF 2029.
- Approved a request for RDF funding to continue the role of the Doctoral Researcher College Research Development Project Officer for a further 3 year period, subject to clarification of deliverables.
- Approved financial support from the NIRD Trust for an application to the BBSRC ALERT equipment call