

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 16 January 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:

- Discussed our theme priorities and agreed that next steps will be to develop theme level priority action and risk plans. A division level research culture audit will be carried out later in the year.
- Approved RETF funding to support UROP this year.
- Agreed revisions to the criteria, process and approach to assessment and decision for the RETF internal calls. We also reviewed the cumulative EDI data assessment for RETF internal calls which was based on the period 2019 to 2023.
- Reviewed the guidance for the annual call for RETF funded University Research Fellowships. We have decided to allocate a maximum of 5 awards for 2024 /2025 which will focus on Mid-Career Researchers.

In other news we:

- Decided that, on this occasion, we will not pursue a Leverhulme Research Centre bid.