

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 30 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:

- Revised the University Research Fund (URF) process which will support researchers in the arts, humanities and social sciences across the four University research themes and comprise of 2 types of Fellowship, as follows:
 - A. Innovation: To support development of mid-career research leaders and projects.
 - B. Monographs: Open to researchers at all career stages to complete monographs (or other long form outputs) intended for submission to REF 2029 as double-weighted outputs.
- Discussed the funding implications of the UKRI Monographs policy, where there is a £10K cap in funding available from UKRI, and agreed that potential shortfalls would be covered by research overhead income awarded to the School.

In other news we:

- Began to consider the scope and process for a full review of IDRCs as they approach the end of their 5 year period (July 2025).
- Noted that the next round of UKRI Future Leader Fellowships was about to launch.
- Heard that the AFESP research programme is advertising for 6 postdoctoral research scientists.
- Were advised that the Agrifood Rising Star Fellowship scheme is now live.
- Noted that the new DLaw will be available in the summer.
- Were told that arrangements are underway for the Research Staff Conference which will take place on 16 April.
- Were advised that the new confirmation of registration arrangements and process for appeals of results for PGRS has been approved through the Committee on Postgraduate Research Studies and Researcher Development and will now go to UBRI and UBLSTE.
- Heard that a UoR-NHM Fellowship recruitment event is scheduled for early March.
- Were updated on recent British Museum activities.