

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 11 February 25

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:

- Considered the Future Leaders Fellowship applications and decided that a further round of scrutiny was needed as there had been a high level of interest and it had not been possible to identify four clear candidates. Our final decisions would be based on quality, clarity of ideas and ambition. In addition we would select a suitable application to nominate to the Leverhulme Leadership Award.
- Discussed the IDRC Phase 1 findings and agreed on the key areas of focus for Phase 2.

In other news we:

- Agreed that the RDF Open Call 2025 would be aligned with the new R&I Strategy and that both would be launched simultaneously at the end of February.
- Approved the allocation of RDF for impact funding support for REF 2029.
- Noted that it had been formally agreed that there would be an £8k contribution to workload for any individual who was successful in becoming a REF panel member. This would be communicated to HOS and RDLs.