

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 07 June 2022

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:

- Etienne Roesch introduced a proposal to improve the quality of research through better awareness and the use of statistics. The paper highlighted that improving the quality of our use of statistics in research, and the teaching of research, would be reflected in our success in terms of cited publications, global reputation, grant income and our students' employability. Following an interesting discussion we gave support to:
 - Establish a formal Community of Practice across all Schools and research support functions for developing good practices in the application of statistics across the research process.
 - Appoint a Community of Practice Director and underpinning admin support.
- Etienne Roesch invited approval of a mandate to CORRI working group to implement Research Integrity (RI) training. After discussion we agreed to endorse, in principle, the proposal to embed a three layered regime of RI training (following a successful evaluation in 2021 to 2022) comprising:
 - Layer I** An hour long, tailored seminar developed in partnership with UKRIO casting RI in the particular context of the University and our Research Strategy, to be recorded early September 2022.
 - Layer II** 15 short introductory online training modules (including quizzes), adapted from the VIR2TUE platform, on aspects ranging from definitions and scopes of RI to responsible supervision, mentoring and role modelling.
 - Layer III** Group-based VIRT2UE RI training (in-person and virtual) taking the form of a structured programme of reflection and exercises grounded in virtue ethics, designed to support participants in reflecting on their understanding of, and own positioning towards RI.

We agreed that going forward CORRI will take the lead on implementing and sustaining RI training.

In other news we:

- Reviewed the final reports from Francesca Greco and Chris Westbrook on their RETF funded research projects. We commended them both on their successful projects and the clarity with which they described the outcomes and next steps.
- Discussed the options for research division planning 2022 to 2023. A communication will be sent out soon to explain the research planning process and the timeline for next year.
- Talked about a different approach to the Research Awards Ceremony for next year which will link into behaviours and research culture work.
- Heard about a successful pilot impact workshop held with Archaeology.