

## Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 28 March 2023

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 progress of the RI training programme, to comprise of 3 layers, which will be rolled out in the Autumn:
  - I. 2 hours of online training via UoR Learn.
  - II. Online access to “Train the Trainer” programme via VIRT2UE.
  - III. A mixed module training staff to train other people on RI, managed and led by People Development.
- Discussed and approved a proposal for a combined funding scheme to deliver engagement, KE and commercialisation. There will be 3 calls per year with an option to consider urgent requests as appropriate. The initial call will launch on 30 March with a deadline of 28 April.

### **In other news we:**

- Agreed the process and timeline for the IDRC 3 year mid-term review which will take place during the summer term.
- Were advised of the pre-announcement for the UKRI Population Health Improvement network of clusters. This call could be a stepping stone to bigger opportunities.
- Have secured renewal of our HR Excellence in Research Award, endorsed by Vitae, and are one of only 3 Universities to hold the award for over 12 years. The award recognises our commitments under the Researcher Development Concordat and our new action plan to support development of our research staff.
- Heard that the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort of the Research Leaders Programme was about to begin, with 12 candidates across all themes.
- Noted that approval has been granted by CORRI and UEB to sign the Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment (COARA), which was published in July 22 and driven by the European Science Commission.