

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 23 May 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 progress of the ECMWF AFESP programme including:
 - I. Eight students have been recruited to the DTP to start in Autumn 23
 - II. The first call for proposals for 5 year Postdoc research positions has been launched. The cohort is due to start in January 24.

We discussed the update and agreed, for annual reporting to UCRI, four types of metrics based on the measures of success.

- Approved the applications recommended for funding via the Engagement, KE and commercialisation fund and discussed details for the next call which will launch in the summer.
- Agreed, ahead of the launch of the Research England Participatory Research Fund 2023 / 24, to proceed with an internal funding competition and assessment process which will allow projects to begin in September 23. The funding limit will be increased to £15k per project, which includes up to £5k staff buy out.

In other news we:

- Discussed the ROSS snapshot summary from May 23 noting mixed engagement from divisions to recording on ROSS. We will be emailing divisions to explain the importance of continued scoring of outputs.
- Began a review of Research Income targets and agreed that it was important to prepare a comparison to the previous period which will take into account any changes in FTE and staff profile.