

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 23 July 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:

- Received an update on the progress of the Digital Research Strategy for comment. Following two constructive strategy days a survey of the wider research community is planned.
- Reviewed the draft research strategy 2024 to 2030 and discussed the plan for consultation. There was support for the alignment with the University Strategy's four principles. To complete the consultation process researchers will be invited to participate in focus groups in early November, with final approval in December ahead of publication in January 2025.

In other news we:

- Discussed and approved the proposed structure and timescale of the IDRC review.
- Agreed to extend the RDF funding for AHRC IAA support for an Impact Development Officer to 31 March 2026.
- Considered the level of institutional support for Doctoral Training Award bids. We have requested more detailed information for review in the autumn.
- Discussed a report supporting the University's monitoring of research-related diversity and inclusion data. Further analysis will be carried out.