

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 01 October 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:

- Welcomed Suzanne Gray, newly appointed APVC Environment.
- Discussed the development of applications for the UKRI Cross Council Responsible Mode funding call and agreed that feedback will be given to better align the applications to the call, acknowledging that for some this may not be achievable in the timeframe and a longer-term strategy for the call will be required.
- Received an update on progress of the equipment infrastructure benchmarking project, which will enable strategic recommendations for future investment and ways of working that will maximise our research capability. The draft final report was expected in December 24.
- Reviewed a paper on the Institutional Statement to frame the research culture work.
- Commented on a sample of research data expected to be used as part of this year's planning

In other news we:

- Reviewed expressions of interest from Senate members for membership of UBRI and endorsed a suitable candidate.
- Discussed the recently announced Research England allocation alongside budgets and commitments.