

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) April 26

Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the UCRI April meetings:

At our operational meeting this month we:

- Were updated on the progress and future plans of the Advancing the Frontier of Earth Systems Prediction (AFESP).
- Discussed the proposed changes to the administrative process for the UKRI Doctoral Focal Award and Doctoral Landscape Award Calls ahead of a consultation with HoS.
- Considered the draft Knowledge Exchange and Impact Growth Plan (KE&IGP) and HEIF Accountability Statement (HAS) and discussed next steps.

In other news we:

- Reviewed the ECR Research Output Prize selection processes and ratified the winners who will be invited to attend a presentation on 19 May.
- Approved additional RDF funding for the Digital Humanities IDRC to support pump priming projects aligned with strategic priorities.

At our bi-annual workshop, alongside some of our academic and professional services research colleagues, we:

- Considered R&I Strategy headline KPIs and targets focussing on three key areas of Community, Excellence and Engagement.
- Discussed return on investment and KPIs in relation to partnerships and large initiatives.
- Co-developed the 26/27 Research Division Operational Plan template which will incorporate reflection on last year's maturity matrix with a focus on collaboration and excellence in research income and outputs