

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 18 October 2022

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:

- Reviewed RETF spending 21/22.
- Following on from the recent project commissioned by UCRI to support a positive research culture, we talked about next steps, key actions and a communication plan.
- Considered our approach to the 5 year research income target setting 22/23 to 27/28 and reviewed the comparator group, target ranges and other data.
- Approved the allocation of the Research England Participatory Research Fund 22/23. We noted that a steering group had been convened to set the agenda for the Community of Practice and act as scientific committee on open fund proposals.
- Reviewed and approved the NIRD forecast expenditure 22/23 which will now be submitted to the NIRD Trust Committee and subsequently to Council. We also agreed to consider a draft proposal for a co-ordinated Agri Food Fellowship Scheme.

In other news:

- Work is underway to revise the RDL role description to reflect recent changes.
- We are updating guidance and timelines in preparation for the launch of the ECR Research Output Prize later this term.