

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 17 January 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:

- Discussed fair use of the University Gold Open Access Fund and agreed that, to enable authors to make appropriate publication plans, we will circulate a communication to explain the policy in a transparent way and highlight the different routes to open access publishing.
- Considered a proposal to continue UoR membership of the Research England-funded national ASPECT (A Social sciences Platform for Entrepreneurship, Commercialisation and Transformation) programme which provides specialist support for organisations looking to make the most of commercial and business opportunities from social sciences research. We agreed to use HEIF funding to support the proposal.
- Gave our support to a request for RETF funding for 3 years for a 0.5 FTE UoR / NHM Partnership Manager role. The focus of the role will be to manage and facilitate the developing relationship between researchers at both UoR and NHM to strengthen the partnership and optimise opportunities for research collaboration.

In other news we:

- Reflected on the REF output responses. Next steps will be to consolidate the reflections into generic and specific feedback.
- Agreed in principle that Grade 6 research only staff will be included by default as Research Division members.
- Discussed the next stage in the process of the research culture mid-career focus group study.