

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 14 February 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 at length the questions for the draft research culture questionnaire. Once the questionnaire is finalised it will be communicated via HoS and RDLs.
- Agreed to a recommendation for a change of status for CFAC which is no longer operating at IDRC level. The CFAC will revert to a School research cluster with the aim to develop a new interdisciplinary vision.
- Approved NIRD strategic funding for an EPSRC CDT “Explainable AI for Environment, Energy and Sustainable Agriculture” comprising 5 studentships over a 5 year period starting in 24/25.
- Reviewed the UKRI competitive funding decisions data 2016/17 to 2020/21. The data is encouraging with a 35% overall success rate. We will share this news in a future staff communication.

In other news we heard that:

- The Technical Services Team has achieved a Silver Athena Swan Award (PTO pilot scheme).
- The Creative Entrepreneur in Residence programme has recruited 9 Entrepreneurs from across a range of disciplines who will be working on the development of 5 pilot projects over the next 2 years.
- Following a strong competition, the first CDA between UoR and NHM has been selected.