

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 27 February 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:

- Reviewed the terms and conditions of the UROP scheme. We agreed to retain the UROP bursary scheme and increase the value so that it is broadly sufficient to cover the cost of accommodation and food on campus. The length of UROP projects will remain at 6 weeks, up to 216 hours. A UROP steering group will be established to explore funding and projects.
- Received an update on the DTS Digital Research Strategy project and plans for a stakeholder event which will take place on 15 May. We highlighted the importance of stakeholder mapping, engagement and consultation and agreed that UCRI will be represented at the stakeholder event.
- Considered suitable structures and mechanisms to ensure that our research culture work is appropriately integrated, supported, challenged and governed. Following discussion we agreed to develop a programme board, accountable to UCRI, which will focus on research culture activity.

In other news we:

- Agreed to continued strategic funding to support the Digital Humanities ambitious programme of work through to July 2026.