

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meetings (UCRI) October 25

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

At our operational meeting this month we:

- Reviewed the Annual Statement on the Researcher Development Concordat and agreed on a few modifications before it is presented to Senate and Council.
- Agreed to support the Research England Transparency Programme pilot.
- Reviewed the RDF 24/25 spend profile and RDF future commitments.
- Approved NIRD funding to proceed as a commissioning partner in the deep dive of UK agricultural research infrastructure work.
- Approved a request from the Centre for Book Cultures and Publishing (CBCP) IDRC for additional RDF to fund visiting research fellowships and industry engagement.
- Considered an initial proposal for a partnership with UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH). We have asked for more details before making a decision.
- Discussed an annual report from the History and Classics Impact Accelerator Project which we agreed was making a very real research difference.

In other news:

- Our RDF funded University Research Fellows from Route A shared engaging presentations showcasing their wide ranging and interesting research. We were pleased to commend them on their effective use of time and the significant progress that they have made.
- Our RDF funded University Research Fellows from Route B submitted written reports to UCRI which clearly demonstrated significant progress and a productive use of their time.
- The recipients of the RDF funded Open Call Awards submitted written updates to UCRI. We were interested to read about their research outcomes and next steps and commended them on their significant progress.

We held our bi-annual workshop this month at which we:

Were joined by sustainability working group colleagues for a focussed facilitated session on sustainability research and supporting the project work to develop a flagship entity for environmental sustainability research at UoR. During the workshop we considered how an entity might support interdisciplinarity; policy impact and influence; a 'front door' for external engagement; and connection across areas of environmental sustainability across the University, including Education and the Green campus.