

## **Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meetings (UCRI) November 25**

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

### **At our strategic meeting this month:**

- We were joined by colleagues from our AI community for an in depth discussion on an AI in Research Action Plan and our vision which covered areas such as capacity building, training and computing infrastructure.
- Ahead of our meetings with separate Research Divisions we held a preliminary review of RDOPs and maturity matrices and summarised common themes.

### **At our operational meeting this month we:**

- Approved the updated UCRI Terms of Reference aligned to the revised research governance format and the new Research and Innovation Strategy.
- Made our final comments on a set of Key Performance Indicators which will help to monitor our progress against the new Research and Innovation Strategy.
- Discussed progress of the Research Culture Programme to date, including a review of relevant Institutional Action Plans.
- Agreed that Research would participate in the University Awards Scheme this year.
- Approved the launch of the ECR Research Output Prize which will run separately to the University Awards.
- Decided to pause the RDF Open Call as RDF commitments for 26/27 were already high. Instead we will focus RDF to support people around larger bids.
- Approved a request to extend RDF support of the AHRC IAA Impact Development Officer through to March 2027.

### **In other news we:**

- Supported the UEB proposal for University of Reading to become a headline partner in the Reading Tech Cluster.
- Were updated on progress of the Leverhulme Centenary Doctoral Scholarships Scheme single central application.
- Gave our consideration to the mechanics of the RDF incentive award for REF panellists both at the criteria stage and the assessment stage.
- Reviewed the proposed changes to the University's Timetabling and Room Booking Policy with specific reference to research.