

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 26 March 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 and approved the ECR Research Output Prize proposed winners for ratification by UBRI.
- Discussed the top 6 ranked proposals for the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship scheme and approved 4 applications to be shaped and pitched for the scheme. Each applicant will be supported by 2 mentors (a Research Dean and a disciplinary lead).
- Appraised the draft Open Research Action Plan (ORAP) 2024 to 2029 for subsequent consideration by UBRI.
- Evaluated the draft Coalition of Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) Action Plan for sharing in the public repository of CoARA members' action plans. We raised some concerns which will be further addressed at UBRI to inform a decision on the way forward before the July submission.

In other news we:

- Confirmed agreement in principle to a proposal for NIRD funding to support the FoodBioSystems BBSRC new Landscape bid.
- Considered participation in the REF 2029 pilot scheme and agreed (due to the substantial amount of work this would incur for the UOA Lead, Research Dean and UCRI) to put forward a maximum of 1 UOA.