

## Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 05 September 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:

- Talked about our response to the REF 2028 consultation and considered the proposed preparation stages of the submission. A summary of the key points and expectations will be presented at briefings for RDLs and all-staff during the w/b 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- Reviewed and agreed a simplified RDOP process, to comprise 2 or 3 brief questions focused on practice and 1 or 2 theme specific questions. The template will be circulated to the RDLs this week with a deadline of end of September. RDOPs will be discussed at the UCRI away day in October, particularly with reference to institutional and research theme priorities and feedback provided at the RDL session the following day.
- Considered the efficacy of the RETF Calls process with reference to principles of fairness, inclusion and transparency, as well as efficiency. We will be making some revisions to the criteria and streamlining the process for this year.

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

- Discussed our response to the feedback received from a group of attendees of the recent RDL Leadership Training cohort.
- To manage Dominik Zaum's move to a new role and the need to build business continuity and resilience within the team we agreed a revision to research meeting responsibilities.
- Agreed that this year RDLs will be asked to submit a short case if they wish to receive the annual RETF allocation of £1k.