

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 25 July 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:

- Discussed proposed changes to the Gold Open Access Fund process. Due to high demand and limited funds, we agreed to a cap of 1-article per year per person, which will be limited to corresponding authors only (including PGRs) with a simple exceptions process to make the case for additional articles. Guidance to support author decision-making and publication strategy will be embedded into the application process during the autumn.
- Completed the IDRC mid-term review and discussed and agreed IDRC finances and funding allocations.

In other news we:

- Gave approval to progress with the appointment of a strategic project role, based within Professional Services, to support Research Culture related activities over the next 2 to 3 years.
- Agreed to a proposal to appoint a fixed term special projects role which will focus on prioritising infrastructure and equipment needs, strategy for allocation of the QR RCIF and opportunities for commercialising the use of infrastructure.