

# Senate Research and Innovation Committee

## Terms of Reference:

1. To advise the Senate on issues relating to Research and Innovation in support of the University's strategic priorities, with a focus on research excellence, research integrity and academic standards, in line with the University Strategy.
2. To promote a vibrant research culture across all faculties and ensure the University delivers good practice in research that meets the standards and governance requirements of funders and regulators.
3. To ensure researchers have freedom within the law to question and test received wisdom and to put forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions.
4. To promote Equality, Diversity and Inclusion across all research and innovation activities, including in relation to the Committee's operation and decision making.
5. To oversee the development of University policy and strategy regarding innovation.
6. To ensure that the University has a clear understanding of research horizons, needs and strategy, and to oversee the deployment of strategic funding made available by the University to realise its vision for growth in research and its commercial applications.
7. To develop policy and strategy with regards to the institutional approach to the Research Excellence Framework (REF), the Knowledge Exchange Framework (KEF) and any future research quality assessment exercises.
8. To identify strategic and organisational issues resulting from interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research; to promote synergies and funding opportunities at the institutional level, and to recommend appropriate organisational structures to capitalise on these opportunities.
9. To recommend to Senate the establishment, plans and activities of the Flagship Institutes, and to recommend appropriate structures through which the performance of institutes and centres can be assessed.
10. Via the University Postgraduate Research Student (PGR) Committee to oversee matters relating to strategy and policy in respect of PGR matters, and to determine the strategic provision and allocation of University Research Fellowships and Studentships.
11. Via the University Postgraduate Research Student Committee to oversee the approval of new and amended research degree programmes and the quality assurance processes for academic standards and PGR research training.
12. To advise on issues associated with the accuracy, validity and use of research data and issues associated with open research practices and culture.
13. To oversee the development and implementation of the University's approach to the Concordats to which it is a signatory, and to make recommendations to the Senate.
14. To ensure that policies and procedures introduced by the University's central structures contribute to the research and innovation agenda.
15. To advise on the strategy of equipment provision and avoidance of duplication and to monitor its effectiveness in the context of a devolved funding environment.
16. To receive reports from, and where appropriate to make recommendations to the Senate arising from the operations of:
  - a) The University Postgraduate Research Student Committee;
  - b) The Commercialisation Assessment Group;
  - c) The Research Governance Sub-Committee;

- d) The University Early Career Researcher Committee;
- e) The REF Steering Group;
- f) The Research Institutes and Research Centres Sub-Committee;
- g) The Open Research Advisory Group.

17. To receive reports from Faculty committees considering strategic and policy issues relating to Research and Innovation.

**Reports to:** Senate.

**Membership:**

<i>Chair (Vice-President for Research)</i>	Professor Sue Hartley OBE
<i>Deputy Chair (Vice-President for Innovation)</i>	TBC

<i>Ex-officio members:</i>	
<i>President &amp; Vice-Chancellor</i>	Professor Koen Lamberts
<i>Deputy Vice-President for Research and Chair of the University Postgraduate Research Student Committee</i>	Professor John Flint
<i>Deputy Vice-President for Innovation</i>	Professor Wendy Baird
<i>Faculty Director of Research &amp; Innovation (Arts &amp; Humanities)</i>	Professor Nikki Dibben
<i>Faculty Director of Research &amp; Innovation (Engineering)</i>	Professor Ashutosh Tiwari
<i>Faculty Director of Research &amp; Innovation (Science)</i>	Professor Andrew Fleming
<i>Faculty Director of Research &amp; Innovation (Social Sciences)</i>	Professor Ruth Blakeley
<i>Faculty Director of Research &amp; Innovation (Medicine, Dentistry &amp; Health)</i>	Professor Paul Hatton
<i>Research Director, Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre</i>	Ben Morgan
<i>Director of Research Services</i>	Deborah Lodge
<i>Deputy Director of Research Services</i>	TBC

<i>Representative members:</i>	
<i>Representative of IT Services</i>	Dr Arthur Clune
<i>Representative of the Library</i>	Anna Clements

<i>One student representative, nominated by the Students' Union President:</i>	
Alison Romaine (Education Officer)	2022-23

<i>Four members of the academic staff or academic-related staff who teach, appointed by the Senate:</i>	
Dr Istvan Ballai (School of Mathematics & Statistics)	2022-25
Professor Dominic Broomfield-McHugh (Music)	2020-23
Dr Abby Samson (Mechanical Engineering)	2022-25
Dr Layla Skinns (Law)	2022-25

<i>In attendance:</i>	
N/A	

<i>Secretary</i>	Dr James Brown (Partnerships & Regional Engagement)
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