Research Staff Development Committee

Terms of Reference:

Purpose of the Committee
The Research Staff Development Committee’s purpose is to take a strategic perspective on how best to enhance The University of Sheffield’s development provision and research environment for Research Staff*, aligned to the strategic priorities of the University and its Faculties.

Achievement of purpose
Guided by the University’s Strategic Plan 2016-2021 and by the ‘UK Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers’, the Committee members will:

1. Share ideas and practice across the University to help improve Research Staff development and the employment environment.
2. Initiate pan-University projects that seek to enhance Research Staff development and the employment environment.
3. Act as conduits for information between the Committee and their home Faculty/Department.
4. Keep under review The University’s HR Excellence in Research award action plan, to ensure its implementation and that it remains fit for purpose and contribute to submissions to the European Commission (required in order to retain the HR Excellence in Research award).

The terms of reference of the group will be reviewed on a biennial cycle taking place in odd numbered years.

Reports to: Research and Innovation Committee.

Membership:

Chair
Professor Stephen Walters

Ex-officio members:
Vice-President for Research & Innovation
Professor Dave Petley

Members:
Academic representing the Faculty of Arts & Humanities
Professor Paul Halstead
Academic representing the Faculty of Engineering
Professor Matthew Gilbert
Academic representing the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health
Dr Cheryl Miller
Academic representing the Faculty of Science
Dr Sarah Staniland
Academic representing the Faculty of Social Sciences
Professor Sarah Neal
Researcher representing the Faculty of Arts and Humanities
Dr Charlotte Steenbrugge
Researcher representing the Faculty of Engineering
Dr Kerry Abrams
Researcher representing the Medical School (Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health)
Dr Lydia Castelli
Researcher representing the Faculty of Science
Dr Nicola Galley
Researcher representing the Faculty of Social Sciences
Dr Michele Lancione
Representative of the Department of Human Resources
Ms Anita Hargreaves
Representative of Research Services
Dr Neil Harris
Representative for Researcher Development
Miss Michele Lancione

Secretary
Miss Bryony Portsmouth (Research Services)

*Research staff* for this purpose refers primarily to staff members on ‘research only’ contracts (fixed term or open ended) and Fellows but could also include those staff in other roles that see themselves as having a future in research e.g. ‘teaching only’ staff and technicians. On occasion, the term ‘Researcher’ may also be used interchangeably to refer to this group.