

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) June 26

Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the UCRI June meetings:

At our operational meetings this month we:

- Reviewed and endorsed the UoRM R&I Strategy 2026 to 2031 including the proposed publication key performance indicators (KPIs) for all academic categories and approved the alignment of the UoRM KPIs with Malaysian Research Assessment (MyRA) standards to ensure national recognition and institutional benchmarking.
- Discussed the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH) Partnership update which is intended to help deliver our AgriFood Futures research priorities.
- Deliberated on funding options to support our current UKRN business plan and wider research culture activities. It has been decided to provide temporary support pending a UKRN funding decision.
- Considered the draft Environmental Sustainability Research Centre business case in more detail and discussed next steps.
- Reflected on the R&I Thematic Plan objectives and OKRs noting that consultation will continue throughout July to gather views on proposed objectives, targets and delivery approaches.
- Reviewed the proposed approach to supporting major funding calls, with guidance currently being developed. We agreed to continue to support major bids, particularly where aligned with the University's strategic priorities and thematic plans.

In other news we:

- Ratified the Cyril Tyler Prize 2026 winners.
- Reviewed the UoR annual statement on research integrity.
- Considered UoR research performance data.
- Compiled Governance Review feedback.
- Received an update on Work Tribe and CRIS research systems.
- Received an update on progress against the Research Assessment Plan.
- Noted the new arrangements for Agrifood Futures Governance.

At our strategic meeting this month meeting we:

- Conducted a detailed discussion and confirmed support for adopting the Knowledge Exchange and Impact Growth Plan. Preparations will shortly be underway ready for implementation within the 2027/28 planning cycle.