

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 26 March 2024

Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the recent meeting of UCR
Main topics of interest:

At this meeting we:

- x Reviewed and approved the ECR Research Output Prize proposed winners for ratification by UBRI.
- x Discussed the top 6 ranked proposals for the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship scheme and approved 4 applications to be shaped and pitched for the scheme. Each applicant will be supported by 2 mentors (a Research Dean and a disciplinary lead).
- x Appraised the draft Open Research Action Plan (ORAP) 2024 to 2029 for subsequent consideration by UBRI.
- x Evaluated the draft Coalition of Advancing Research Assessment (CoARA) Plan for sharing in the public repository of CoARA members' action plans. ~~raised~~ ^{raised} some concerns which will be further addressed at UBRI to inform a decision on the way forward before the July submission.

In other news we:

- x Confirmed agreement in principle to a proposal for NIRD funding to support the FoodBioSystems BBSRC new Landscape bid.
- x Considered participation in the R2029 pilot scheme and agreed (due to the substantial amount of work this would incur for the UOA Lead, Research Dean and UCRI) to put forward a maximum of 1 UOA.