

University Board for Research and Innovation

24/17 A meeting of the University Board for Research and Innovation was held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 9.00am in Whiteknights House, Committee Room 2.

Present

Parveen Yaqoob, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) [Chair]
Dominik Zaum, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic Planning and Resource)
John Gibbs, Research Dean (Heritage & Creativity)
Mona Ashok, Business Informatics System and Accounting, ECR representative
Karen Henderson, Director of Research and Innovation
Claudia Murray, Co-Chair of Research Staff Committee
Chris Jones, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Senate member
Daniella La Penna, Department of Languages and Culture, Senate member
Sue Egleton, University Librarian
Nathaniel West, Finance Business Partner

24/18 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2024 [item 2]

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 January 2024.

24/19 Actions from previous meetings [item 3]

The Board noted that actions from previous meeting had been completed or were addressed in this meeting agenda.

24/20 Matters arising from the minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda) [item 4]

There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

24/21 Update from the Chair [item 5]

The Board received verbal updates from the Chair on the following:

- **A meeting of the JISC research strategy group attended by PVCs for Research and Innovation**
(or equivalent roles, [Research and innovation - Jisc](#))

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The Concordat to support research Integrity was to be revised to incorporate AI considerations.

Institutions would be asked to complete a survey on the condition of research infrastructure for UKRI.

- **Government response to the Independent Review of Research bureaucracy** ([Review of research bureaucracy - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-review-of-research-bureaucracy)). Notably, the government had instructed institutions not to 'gold-plate' their EDI activity.
- **UKRI Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Panel.** UKRI had invited members of the EDI Panel to reconvene following its suspension earlier this year.
- **The University's ECR conference** would be taking place on 18 April 2024.

24/22 Research awards and applications FQ2 2023/24 [item 5d]

The Board reviewed the University's position on Research awards and applications at FQ2 2023/24.

- Award value was £12.6m (behind previous years) with the University 25% towards its five-year target (against 30% milestone).
- Application value was higher than most previous years (£77m) at this stage in the cycle.

In discussion, it noted.

- The recent Research Division Lead/IDRC meeting included a discussion about what were contributing characteristics to high performing units, of which levels of research income was a factor

24/25 Research excellence awards: Research output prize for Early Career Researchers [item 6c]

The Board received

