

## **Research Committee**

*(a standing committee of the Senate)*

### Terms of reference

- (i) To develop and monitor, with the active involvement of the faculties, the implementation of a research policy for the University, especially in connection with new initiatives; and to oversee the institutional mechanisms for the support of research.
- (ii) To take responsibility for the expenditure of the institutional allocation for the promotion of research activity, in line with priorities set annually.
- (iii) To make proposals to the Senate for the establishment, modification of and, where appropriate, the laying down of, institutional-level research institutes and centres; to assist their development; and to review their performance.
- (iv) To participate in the preparation for periodic national research assessments, in order to position the University strategically; delegating operational activity to a designated steering group.
- (v) To encourage and engender postgraduate research activity, including the facilities available for students.
- (vi) To work alongside the Enterprise and Innovation Committee to promote knowledge exchange across the University.
- (vii) To oversee compliance with the UK Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the HR Excellence in Research award.
- (viii) To take responsibility for policy relating to research ethics and governance.

### Committee Composition

*(ex officio)*

Vice-Chancellor  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) (in the Chair)  
Director of Research, Enterprise and Innovation  
Associate Deans for Research from each of the Faculties  
Cross-Faculty Associate Dean for Research

*(appointed)*

one representative from each of the four faculties appointed by the Faculty Deans  
three academic staff elected by the Senate for their standing in and commitment to research  
two research students (recommended by the Associate Deans for Research appointed by the  
President of the Students' Union)  
one post-doctoral researcher  
one early career researcher

*(in attendance)*

Head of Research Services  
Director of Library Services and Learning Development  
Director of Students, Education and Academic Services

#### Procedure

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) will allocate an alternative Chair in the event of their absence.

The quoracy for this committee is half the number of members plus one.

The term of office of the appointed members is for a maximum of three years. Terms will be renewable once for a maximum of a further three years.

Research Committee works to ensure gender equality in its composition. The Chair of the Committee will interact with Deans and the Students' Union to help to ensure gender equality.

The Committee can co-opt people with particular expertise.

The Committee will normally meet three times a year.

The Committee shall establish sub-committees and working groups to oversee specified elements of University activity relating to its terms of reference.