

Research Committee
(a sub-committee of the Senate)

Terms of reference

1. 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.
2. To take responsibility for the expenditure of the institutional allocation for the promotion of research activity, in line with priorities set annually.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. To encourage and engender postgraduate research activity, including the facilities available for students.
6. To work alongside the Enterprise and Innovation Committee to promote knowledge exchange across the University.
7. To oversee compliance with the UK Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and the HR Excellence in Research award.
8. To take responsibility for policy relating to research ethics, integrity and governance.

Committee Composition

(ex officio)

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

(appointed)

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

(co-opted)

co-opted members with relevant expertise

(in attendance)

Associate Director of Research Services
Director of Library Services and Learning Development

Procedure

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

The Standing Orders set out a standardised approach to committee procedural arrangements, including membership terms, quoracy and declaring interests. All members are encouraged to read the Standing Orders available on the [Governance website](#).

As per the University's Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom, all committees considering business that could affect compliance with free speech duties, in line with their delegated authority, are expected to have due regard for any impact on the University's duties to secure and promote the importance of freedom of speech and academic freedom. Any enquiries regarding this should be directed to the Director of Strategic Planning and Governance in the first instance.

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.

Written reports of meetings will go to Senate.

The Secretary of the Committee will be a member of staff from Governance Services.