

Research and Innovation Committee Terms of Reference

Remit:

The Research and Innovation Committee shall, subject to the powers of Academic Council, act as guardian of the University's Research and Innovation Strategy by having ownership of, and responsibility for, the development and implementation of each of the strands contained within the strategy, while also horizon scanning, forward planning and developing new initiatives as the strategy adapts over the lifecycle. The Committee will also be responsible for research governance matters, including overseeing compliance with the Concordat to Support Research Integrity.

Terms of Reference:

Recommendations

To make recommendations for endorsement by Academic Council and approval by Senate regarding:

- (i) The Concordat to Support Research Integrity.
- (ii) New strategic research partnerships with other institutions and organisations.
- (iii) The annual report from the Animal Welfare Ethical Review Body (AWERB).

Recommendations

To make recommendations to Academic Council for the consideration and approval of:

- (i) The Research and Innovation Strategy, and other related strategies.
- (ii) Research policies, objectives, delivery mechanisms and governance structures that are informed by Strategy 2030 and related strategic documents.
- (iii) The prioritisation of University investment in future research and innovation themes and strategic objectives.
- (iv) Actions which develop the environment for research, including enhancing the research culture.

Consideration and/or Approval

To consider, discuss and/or and grant approval of:

- (i) Research and innovation matters relating to the University, including any matter referred to it by the Academic Council, or for recommendation to the Academic Council/Senate.
- (ii) The development, implementation, co-ordination and evaluation of procedures and initiatives regarding:
 - a. The Research and Innovation Strategy, and other related strategies, policies, and objectives.
 - b. Research assessment, and research performance monitoring and evaluation.
 - c. Research governance, ethics and integrity.
 - d. Research culture, institutional research environment, and the delivery of high quality and impactful research.
 - e. Research business engagement and knowledge exchange, research internationalisation, and institutional research partnerships and consortia.
 - f. Postdoctoral Researchers, and Early Career Researchers, and pathways for ensuring talent development at all levels of experience (academic and professional services) in priority areas which are related to the Research and Innovation Strategy.
 - g. Strategies and proposals for Postgraduate Researchers which pertain to advancing the delivery of objectives and themes in the Research and Innovation Strategy, including the allocation of institutional funding for PGRs across the University.
- (iii) The delegation of any of its functions as it may, from time to time determine, to groups appointed by the Research and Innovation Committee, including the establishment of subgroups, working groups, task and finish groups and advisory groups, as appropriate, to advise and report on any of the above matters.

- (iv) Reports from, actions of, and recommendations made by subgroups, tasks and finish groups and other bodies (e.g. Faculty Research Committees) as derived from the implementation of the Research and Innovation Strategy and related strategies, policies and procedures.

Delegation

To delegate authority on the following:

To the Research Governance, Ethics and Integrity Committee

- (i) Decisions arising from the implementation and periodic review of procedures regarding the University's research governance duties and protocols to oversee all research which requires ethical approval.

To the Postgraduate Research Group

- (i) Decisions arising from the implementation of the Postgraduate strand of the Research and Innovation Strategy, as specified by the Research and Innovation Committee.

To the Postdoctoral and Research Staff Oversight Group

- (i) Decisions arising from the implementation of strategies, proposals, policies and procedures for supporting Postdoctoral Researchers and their integration within the wider academic research community at Queen's.

To Faculties, Schools, and Professional Services

- (i) Decisions arising from the implementation of the Research and Innovation Strategy, as specified by the Research and Innovation Committee.

Membership:

Chair:	Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise)	TBC
Members:	AHSS Dean of Research EPS Dean of Research MHLS Dean of Research	Professor Janice Carruthers Professor Roger Woods Professor Christopher Scott
	<i>Faculty Representatives</i> Law History, Anthropology, Philosophy & Politics Psychology Mathematics & Physics Nursing & Midwifery Pharmacy	Dr Anna Bryson Dr Keith Breen Professor Cherie Armour Professor Marty Gregg Professor Joanne Reid Professor Michael Tunney
	Representative of Technicians' Commitment Steering Group	Gillian Riddell
	Representative of Fellowship Academy	Dr Myra Lydon
	Representative of the Postdoctoral Development Centre	Dr Alice Dubois
	<i>Chairs of Sub-committees</i> Chair of Postgraduate Research Group Chair of the Research Governance, Ethics and Integrity Committee Chair of the Postdoctoral and Research Staff Oversight Group Chair of Open Research Group	Professor Helen McCarthy Professor Alan Stitt Professor Lorraine Martin Jane O'Neill
	Interim Director of Enterprise Interim Director of Research Head of Business Alliance Head of Research Strategy and Engagement Head of European and International Funding Research Finance Accountant Graduate School Manager Students' Union Postgraduate Officer	Brian McCaul Dr Wendy McLoone Dr Dermot Leonard Chris Browne Dr Nikki Kernaghan Rory Jordan TBC Kieran Minto

In attendance:	University staff as required
Quorum:	Eight members with at least one member from each Faculty
Serviced by:	Research Strategy and Engagement team
Reports to:	Academic Council
Receives reports from:	Research Governance, Ethics and Integrity Committee Postgraduate Research Group / Graduate School Postdoctoral and Research Staff Oversight Group Open Research Group Academic Integration Group Research Systems and Processes Board Faculty Research Committees (presented via Deans of Research and / or Directors of Research nominated by Deans)

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