

Research & Enterprise Services

Objectives

The purpose of R&E is to provide a professional service to the University (in particular to support the PVC Research), to Schools and Departments, and to individual researchers in pursuit of the University's research and knowledge exchange strategy. The specific objectives are:

- i) To stimulate, enable and support the generation of proposals and agreements for funding or enabling of research and knowledge exchange activities, in support of University and School strategies, ensuring fair and reasonable terms that manage the academic, financial and contractual risk to the researchers and to the University in the context of the University's charitable status.
- ii) To support the delivery of research and knowledge exchange activities, in particular through financial administration, capture of the results of research, and the active support of the translation of those results into beneficial use, securing the maximum benefit for the University and its researchers from the commercial and societal exploitation of research.
- iii) To create and maintain a supportive and productive environment for doctoral researchers, including attraction and management of funding for PGR students and postdoctoral staff, provision of generic and specific skills development, and creation of a vibrant doctoral community.
- iv) To provide timely and accessible management information and analysis at individual, group, unit, school, institutional and sector levels, and to undertake relevant statutory and formal external reporting.
- v) To support internal and external research and knowledge exchange assessment and performance management processes, including managing the processes of the Research Excellence Framework.
- vi) To promote and oversee research good practice and integrity, including all areas of research governance and ethics.
- vii) To ensure the promotion of research and knowledge exchange capabilities, expertise, and activities, providing the entry point for those seeking access to University expertise and facilities.
- viii) To contribute to the identification of potential customers and partners, and to manage the institutional relationships with specified key customers of research and knowledge exchange activities.
- ix) To contribute to institutional strategy development, and to undertake institutional research planning and support Schools in their research planning, including benchmark analysis.
- x) To influence the research policy environment, internally and externally, taking responsibility for specific aspects of policy and process, ensuring they are fit for purpose, and suitably aligned and consistent.

- xi) To assist in the development of the University's research and knowledge exchange culture and environment by contributions to staff and research student development, mechanisms for external recognition, and institutional activities to development engagement and capacity.
- xii) To maintain and develop the Division's competencies, through training, development and exposure to good practice, on an individual and a team basis.

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