

Summary of the University Committee for Research and Innovation meeting (UCRI) held on 01 February 2022

Please see below a brief summary of the main topics of discussion at the recent meeting of UCRI:

Main topics of interest:

At this meeting we:

- Gave our support to the two internal applications which were received for the BA Global Professorships 2021 programme.
- Approved the AREIF funding request for a powder diffractometer, to be located in CAF, and agreed that the call for 2022/23 AREIF bids would go out in Spring 22 so that the procurement process could be initiated in autumn 2022 and the equipment purchased within the year of allocation of funds. Future calls will align with this timeline. It has been decided that a portion of the future AREIF funding will be ringfenced for ECRs to access for small equipment.
- Confirmed institutional support for a significant partnership UKRI AgriFood Net Zero Network funding application to build a network to research sustainable agri-food for net zero.

In other news we:

- Agreed to use RETF funding to provide partial support to an Open Research Co-ordinator role.
- Were given an update on the progress of the internal ROSS review.