The RDI Team comprises four functions: Research Strategy, Business Engagement, Impact, and Internationalisation. The team’s overarching objectives are to help the faculty increase and diversify its income from research and innovation, maintain its world-leading research environment and impact, and develop its research collaborations with key partners. We work closely with the Vice Dean for Research and the Associate Deans for Business Engagement, Internationalisation, Impact, and Institutes and Facilities as well as School and Department Heads of Research and other academic leads. We look forward to working with our academic community and other colleagues to achieve the faculty’s research and innovation ambitions.

**Research Strategy**
We facilitate research bids that are of a high value (typically £2 million and above) or of strategic importance regionally, nationally, or globally, and we coordinate and drive strategic faculty- and university-wide research initiatives, including building communities to position us to benefit from current and future opportunities.

**Research Development Managers**
- School of Engineering
  - Sabina Hawthornthwaite
- School of Natural Sciences
  - Aaron McGaughey
- Institutes and Special Projects
  - Nic Hylton
- Quantum
  - Elizabeth McKenzie

**Research Development Officers**
- Advanced Materials and Productivity Institute (AMPI)
  - Alex Lam
- Manchester Environmental Research Centre (MERI)
  - Jennifer Smith

**Research Impact**
Our objectives include identifying, developing, and evidencing impact from research taking place within the faculty and offering support for grant writing, focussing particularly on weaving Impact Plans into proposals to maximise the benefits, reach and significance of the faculty’s research.

**Research Policy, Governance and REF Manager**
- Chris Roberts

**Research Development Officer (Funding and Impact)**
- Emilie Brady

**Research Development Officer (Funding and Impact)**
- Vacant

**Internationalisation**
We work with colleagues across the faculty and the university to embed the internationalisation agenda into core business areas, focussing on research collaborations and industry research and development.

**International Research and Partnerships Development Manager**
- Alex Gaskill

**Senior Internationalisation Administrator**
- Vacant

**Business Engagement**
We help to establish and develop relations with industry with the ultimate objective of increasing the faculty’s income from research and development.

**Business Engagement Manager**
- Elena Zelenkova

**Business Engagement Officers**
- School of Engineering
  - May Bassanino
- School of Natural Sciences
  - Jonathan Roby
- Institutes and Special Projects
  - Chenchen Zheng

**Programme Manager**
- Centre for AI Fundamentals
  - Ian Evans

**Project Officer**
- Centre for AI Fundamentals
  - Angel Harper

**Business Engagement Intern**
- Lisa Wang