The RDI team’s overarching objective is 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 nationally and internationally. We work closely with the Vice Dean for Research, Associate Deans for Business Engagement, Internationalisation, Impact and Institutes & Facilities, as well as School and Departmental Heads of Research and other academic leads. We look forward to working in partnership with our academic community and other professional support colleagues to achieve the Faculty’s research and innovation ambitions.

Shaden Jaradat – Manager, FSE RDI Team

The RDI Team consists of four function areas: Business Engagement, International Partnerships, Research Strategy and Impact.

Business Engagement (BE)
We help establish and develop relations with industry, with the ultimate objective of increasing the Faculty’s income from R&D.

Elena Zelenkova - BE Manager
May Bassanino - BE Officer, Engineering
Jonathan Roby - BE, Natural Sciences
Chenchen Zheng - BE Officer, Institutes & Special Projects
Lisa Wang - BE Intern

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Internationalisation Partnerships
We work with colleagues across the Faculty and the University to embed the internationalisation agenda into core business areas, focusing on research collaborations and industry R&D.

Alex Gaskill - International Research and Partnerships Development Manager
Elliot Rankin-Jones - Internationalisation Senior Administrator

Shaden Jaradat – Manager, FSE RDI Team

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

Sabina Hawthornthwaite - Research Development Manager, School of Engineering
Aaron McGaughey - Research Development Manager, School of Natural Sciences
Nic Hylton - Research Development Manager, Research Institutes and Special Projects
Elizabeth McKenzie – Research Development Manager (Quantum)
Matthew Harrison - Research Development Officer (AI Centre Manager)
Jennifer Carlson - Research Strategy and Innovation Senior Administrator
David Bainbridge - Research Development and Innovation Administrator
Angel Harper – Project Officer (Centre for AI Fundamentals)
Jen Smith – Research Development Officer (Environmental Research Institute)
Ian Evans – Programme Manager (Centre for AI Fundamentals)
Alex Lam – Research Development Officer (Advanced Machinery & Productivity Institute)
Leanne Lightfoot – Research and Business Support Administrator

Research Impact
Our objectives include the identification, developing and evidencing impact from our research; and grant writing support, particularly around weaving impact Plans into proposals to maximise the benefits, reach and significance of the Faculty’s research.

Christopher Roberts – Research Policy, Governance and REF Manager
Emilie Brady – Research Development Officer (Funding & Impact)
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