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.

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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)
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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.

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