

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

UMRI BOARD

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TITLE: UMRI TERMS OF REFERENCE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Updated Terms of Reference for UMRI

DECISIONS REQUESTED

To approve

APPENDICES

None

DETAIL OF REPORT

1. The University of Manchester Research Institute (UMRI) has two principal aims:
 - a. To fulfil the aim set out in the strategic vision for fostering interdisciplinary research by ensuring that the necessary structures, resources (including funding) and incentives are in place; and
 - b. to provide a governance framework for research institutes and other interdisciplinary structures in the University to assist in maximising their performance.
2. The principal governing body of UMRI is the UMRI Board. The UMRI Board sets the overall strategy for UMRI and is the reporting line for bodies falling within the UMRI remit. The Board is expected to:
 - a. monitor and evaluate the performance of research institutes, beacons and platforms and other entities governed by UMRI,
 - b. consider the need for their continuation and to ratify the formation of new university institutes, beacons and platforms.
3. UMRI will retain ultimate control over the use of the term “institute” and also be responsible for resolving any other issues in relation to nomenclature.
4. The UMRI Board will meet four times a year and will delegate the regular business of UMRI to the Research Strategy Group.
5. UMRI will report annually to the Policy and Resources Committee and will keep the Senior Leadership Team informed of its activities.

6. The membership of the UMRI Board will be:

- The Vice-President for Research (Chair)
- The Vice-President for Social Responsibility
- Faculty Vice-Presidents and Deans
- Associate Vice-President for Research
- Associate Vice-President for Internationalisation
- Faculty Vice-Deans for Research and Innovation
- Director of Research and Business Engagement

University Institutes, Beacons and Platforms

Institutes

1. Cancer Research UK Institute
2. Cathie Marsh Institute for Social Research
3. Christabel Pankhurst Institute for Health Technology Research and Innovation
4. Dalton Nuclear Institute
5. Global Development Institute
6. Henry Royce Institute
7. Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute
8. Institute for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
9. John Rylands Research Institute
10. Lydia Becker Institute of Immunology and Inflammation
11. Manchester Cancer Research Centre
12. Manchester China Institute
13. Manchester Environmental Research Institute
14. Manchester Institute of Biotechnology
15. Manchester Institute of Innovation Research
16. Manchester Urban Institute
17. National Graphene Institute & Graphene Engineering Innovation Centre
18. Photon Science Institute
19. Productivity Institute
20. Sustainable Consumption Institute
21. Thomas Ashton Institute
22. Work and Equalities Institute

Beacons

1. Advanced materials
2. Biotechnology
3. Cancer
4. Energy
5. Global inequalities

Platforms

1. Creative Manchester
2. Digital Futures
3. Policy@Manchester
4. Sustainable Futures
5. Health Inequalities (Emergent and title subject to change)



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