

Agenda: Pro Vice-Chancellor for Research and Innovation seminar

Woburn House: Thursday 6 July 2023

09:30	Registration and refreshments
10:00-11:45	Session one
10:00-10:10	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Paul Boyle CBE, Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University and Policy Lead for Research and Innovation, Universities UK
10:10-10:25	<p>Keynote address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vivienne Stern MBE, Chief Executive, Universities UK
10:25-11:05	<p>Supporting growth through research and innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abi Phillips, Head of Innovation, Economy, Science and Natural Resources Department, Welsh Government Professor Sarah Main, Executive Director, Campaign for Science and Engineering (CaSE) Professor David Mba, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Knowledge Exchange and Enterprise), University of the Arts London <p><i>This session will explore how university research and innovation supports government priorities, and how universities promote their support for growth – from STEM to the creative industries. It will look at the importance of demonstrating value, and how the higher education sector can communicate the impact of their research to the public, media and government.</i></p>
11:05-11:45	<p>Supporting businesses through research commercialisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Tony Soteriou, Director of Commercialisation, UKRI Jeegar Kakkad, Director, Future of Britain Policy, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change <p><i>This session will discuss the challenges and opportunities of research commercialisation, including an update on recent work undertaken by UKRI.</i></p>
11:45-12:10	Refreshment break
12:10-13:30	Session two: Roundtable discussions

	<i>These roundtable discussions will provide an opportunity to discuss the following pertinent topics in small groups.</i>
12:10-12:40	Managing security and risk in international research collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion led by Professor Sir Anthony Finkelstein CBE, President, City University London
12:40-13:05	Supporting talent and developing skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion led by Professor Julia Buckingham CBE, Chair of the Researcher Development Concordat Strategy Group, and former President, Universities UK
13:05-13:30	Creating a more efficient and dynamic research and innovation system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion led by Professor Robert Van de Noort, Vice-Chancellor, University of Reading, and Chair, Universities UK's Research Bureaucracy Review Group
13:30-14:15	Lunch and networking
14:15-16:00	Session three
14:15-14:55	Securing the financial sustainability of research and innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shahid Omer, Director of Policy, Universities UK • Jess Cole, Deputy Director – Financial Sustainability and Impact of the UK Research and Innovation Ecosystem, UKRI <p><i>This session looks at how universities can secure a sustainable funding environment for research and innovation. It will also explore UUK's recent work to establish a national conversation around sustainable funding for UK higher education.</i></p>
14:55-15:25	Supporting research culture, integrity and open access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Baldwin, Director of Business Development and HE Strategy, Worktribe • Dr Neil Jacobs, Head of UKRN Open Research Programme, UK Reproducibility Network/University of Bristol <p><i>This session explores how to ensure a positive research culture, fostering trust through research integrity, and developments within open access.</i></p>
15:25-15:55	Supporting environmental sustainability through research and innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alison Robinson, Deputy Executive Chair, Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) <p><i>Research and innovation practices can support their institutions, and society, to meet Net Zero targets. This session will hear NERC discuss how research and innovation can support universities and society in reaching net zero goals, and what more university research strategy and policies can do to improve sustainability.</i></p>
15:55	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Paul Boyle CBE, Vice-Chancellor, Swansea University and Policy Lead for Research and Innovation, Universities UK
16:00	Drinks reception