

ACCEPTANCE OF RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FUNDING

This policy covers the acceptance of external funding for research and innovation activities (i.e. consultancy based on research and technical services) by staff within Research Services.

Academic staff have the freedom to undertake their research, and the following policy is not intended to restrict colleagues from undertaking their research. However, it is ultimately the responsibility of the University determine whether to accept funding or not in cases where there could be legal, ethical or reputation issues arising as a result of accepting the funding.

be accepted on behalf of the University by the Research Services function in consultation with the Principal Investigator.

Staff who are or might be considering seeking funding for or generating income from research and innovation should contact Research Services as early as possible in the funding process.

Key principles

- Prior to entering into any research and innovation funding arrangement, due diligence on both funder and partners, and sign off procedures must be undertaken to safeguard the University's ethics, reputation and finances.
- The University will establish if working with a specific country or organisation will raise ethical or reputational issues including areas such as human rights, diversity and/or national security and will make decisions based on relevant, available information.
- The University will also look at sectors and industries from whom we may accept research and innovation funding. We will look at the potential health and wellbeing, environmental, societal and economic impacts of the research and innovation funding activity.
- The University will expect any organisation we accept funding from not to interfere with the

Proposed funding from the UK government, UK Universities, major UK or overseas charity funders funding councils and related bodies within the UK, or equivalent