

Research and Enterprise Committee Constitution – 2025/26	
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Terms of Reference

The Research and Enterprise Committee is responsible to the Academic Board for overseeing research and enterprise, and the provision of research degrees in the University.

The Committee's terms of reference are to:

- (a) promote the strategic development of research & enterprise and other related scholarly activity across the University;
- (b) advise the Academic Board on the development, review and implementation of the sections of the University's Academic Regulations related to research, and associated policies and procedures, in light of developing national and international expectations;
- (c) oversee the provision of research degrees, in accordance with the Academic Regulations, and monitor the overall recruitment, admission, and OfS B3 Conditions (continuation, completion and progression) of research students;
- (d) maintain oversight of the School Academic Committees in relation to the implementation of the research sections of the University's Academic Regulations and associated policies and procedures;
- (e) promulgate good practice, innovation, and ethical conduct in research and enterprise and other scholarly activity.

Delegated Authority

The Research & Enterprise Committee has authority from the Academic Board to:

- (a) oversee preparations for, and responses to, all external assessments of research and/or enterprise and monitor the implementation of any recommendations arising from them where appropriate;
- (b) approve an annual report to the Academic Board on the management of research & enterprise, identifying any institutional matters for consideration and resolution;
- (c) approve examination arrangements for research degrees on the recommendation of the relevant School and ensure that they are conducted, and awards recommended, in accordance with the academic regulations;
- (d) agree the scope of internal quality audits and to appoint members of internal quality audit teams.

Delegation

The Research and Enterprise Committee has established, with the approval of the Academic Board:

- (a) Research Ethics Sub-Committee which is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of the University's Policy & Procedures relating to research ethics.
- (b) Research Degrees Sub-Committee, which is responsible for the monitoring of adherence to, and application of, the sections of the University Academic Regulations related to research, the Quality Manual for Research Degree Programmes, the OfS B3 Conditions and the Code of Practice for research students.

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Academic Board, the Committee may establish short life working groups to perform specific tasks and in so doing must determine their terms of reference, membership (including the Chair who must be a member of this Committee), and lifespan.

Membership Profile

Members [14]

Quorum [7]

- Pro Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) (Chair) [1] – Ex-officio
- Director of Research & Knowledge Exchange Services [1] – Ex-officio
- Directors of Research [8]– Ex-officio
- Representative of the Library and Learning Services staff [1] – Nominated
- Associate Director, Research and Innovation [1] – Ex-officio
- PGR Student Representative [1] – Nominated
- The Chair of the Research Ethics Sub-Committee* – Ex-officio
- The Chair of the Research Degrees Sub-Committee* – Ex-officio
- The Chair of the University's Professoriate [1] – Ex-officio

*Chairs of the Sub-committees are nominated by the Research & Enterprise Committee. These positions do not add to the numbers of members or quorum requirements.

Nominated members will be nominated by their respective Director of Service or Dean of School.

For non-ex-officio members, terms of office should normally be three years. Students' terms of office should normally be one year.

The Constitution of the Committee is made by resolution of the Academic Board on 07 July 2021.