

Summary of the UKRI Research Organisation Consultation Group (ROCG) Meeting Thursday 14th November 2024, Meeting via Zoom

Funding Modes & Assessment Processes

UKRI presented an update on work that they are currently undertaking to provide consistency in the way that they describe Funding Modes across UKRI (applicant led and targeted funding). UKRI is also undertaking work to harmonise assessment processes including a tiered assessment approach. These outline changes were positively received by the Group.

Light Touch Review of Grant Roles

ROCG provided feedback to inform the light touch review of Grant Role on The Funding Service, which UKRI are currently undertaking, including the role descriptors and any potential gaps.

Application Withdrawal

ROCG were asked to advise on the development of an application withdrawal policy.

Funding Assurance

ROCG discussed current funding assurance activities, including changes to TRAC guidance around facilities.

Financial Sustainability

The UKRI financial sustainability team provided an update on two strands of work that they are currently undertaking including cost recovery on Research Council grants and on post graduate research. ROCG were asked to comment on measures that UKRI might take in this space.

Simpler and Better Funding (SBF)

The SBF programme provided a demo on TFS functionality in development and asked for feedback.

Use of Data & Drafting Bids - Administrative Data Research UK (ADR-UK)

UKRI introduced ROCG to ADR UK, an ESRC investment whereby researchers can access public sector data to do research for the public good. ADR-UK would welcome engagement from Research Organisations.

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The next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd April 2025.