

Summary of the UKRI Research Organisation Consultation Group (ROCG) Meeting Thursday 3rd April 2025 via Teams

1. Funding Service Update

UKRI presented feedback that they had received on what was working well and where further improvements needed to be made - upcoming external functionality will include Research Office permissions and controls.

2. Individual Eligibility

ROCG members commented on work underway to create a cross-UKRI Individual Eligibility Policy.

3. Managing Demand

ROCG discussed work underway whereby UKRI are creating a framework and principles for managing demand.

4. Funding Assurance

ROCG discussed the need for further guidance on TRAC costing for facilities.

5. Research Integrity

UKRI highlighted a refresh of the Concordat to Support Research Integrity.

6. Research Fish

It was highlighted that the open tender for a research outcomes management system supplier closed on 3rd April - the outcome would be communicated in the summer.

7. Studentships Data Project

UKRI updated that a new system for studentship data that is currently in a discovery phase to establish user needs. The target date for the new system is the start of 2025/26 academic year.

8. Institutional Matched Funding and Financial Sustainability

UKRI updated ROCG on recent policy changes around the Institutional Matched Funding policy - as a general rule there will be no requirement for institutions to provide matched funding to support UKRI grants. ROCG members provided feedback on questions it would be useful for FAQs to cover.

9. Horizon Europe Update

A brief update was provided to ROCG on the Horizon Europe Guarantee work and ROCG noted that the guidance and FAQs would be published shortly.

10. AOB

It was noted that there had been 80 applications received in the recent ROCG member recruitment. Members who were stepping down from the group were thanked for their contributions, including Yvonne Fox (ROCG, Co-Chair).

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 10th July 2025.