

University Strategy Consultation 2019 Discussion & Feedback Sheet



Research & Knowledge Exchange

Name of meeting or event:

How should we create stronger connections between the University's research and teaching?

- Research led approach
- Beacons / Hubs doing an evidenced approach
- Research the practice of higher education
- Increasing student numbers is in direct conflict with doing research and impacts on this
- Need to develop our understanding of what teaching led research is (we already do lots through Phd students etc)
- The Russell Group branding is about research experts delivering teaching and it would be dangerous to abandon this
- Use the holidays to bring teachers together with a research focus
- This needs designing properly, not just allowed to happen / develop

Which aspects of knowledge exchange should we prioritise?

	High Priority	Priority	Low Priority	Not a Priority
Intellectual property, commercialisation and spin-outs				
Training courses and employer-led teaching				
Industry and end-user engagement in research				
Supporting local businesses				
Public and policy engagement				

Any other ideas?

- We need to invest in equipment & facilities
- We need time to connect more externally, shift the focus from internal
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What should be the focus of University of Nottingham research?

On a sliding scale of 1 – 5 where:

1 is blue skies discovery research and

5 is research commissioned to solve a known practical problem

1	2	3	4	5
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- We need to do some blue skies research but should identify these priorities, sometimes things start small and then become bigger
- Research vision to ensure collective ambition

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- Focus on how we do research not the subject matter
- What do we think the balance is now? Is it right?
- How much power do schools have to fund blue skies research? This differs by discipline
- Decide what should be centrally / locally led
- UKUI needs input from a blue sky approach
- Our breadth & diversity is a strength to be celebrated and drawn upon
- Agree what our research reputation should be (different in different areas?)
Recognise different strengths & platforms
- Clear signal of where we want to be:
 - o REF requirements
 - o Unofficial regulators (AV53)
 - o International journals / rankings
 - o Local research strategies
- Catapults becoming more demanding, how do we attach value to blue sky research and link this to the catapults?