2018 UCL Research Strategy – Proposed priorities to 2019/20 v1.1

The 2018 UCL Research Strategy provides an overarching framework to advance our collective research endeavour. It sets out a long-term vision for how UCL’s research – and individual researchers – can help humanity to survive and to flourish.

We also recognise the need to reflect and respond to more immediate priorities, particularly in the external environment. To that end, we present here our proposed priorities until 2019-20, setting out those areas which we see as most critical to ensuring our enduring success.

**External**

- Engaging with Government and other stakeholders on Brexit
- Increasing our capacity to respond to the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund
- Increasing our capacity to respond to the Grand Challenges Research Fund and manage Official Development Assistance research projects
- Continuing to argue for sustainable research funding (including the continuation of QR funding) and responding to the proposed Knowledge Exchange Framework
- Engaging with policy and funding discussions around the creation of new ‘standalone’ research institutes

**Internal**

- Supporting the development of strategic academic initiatives (e.g. EPP, East Phase 1, IMSS, Future Media, Harwell)
- Expanding cross-disciplinary and externally engaged programmes to address global problems
- Strengthening coordination between research strategy and research operations
- Working to ensure that UCL estates strategy reflects research needs
- Maximising research overheads recovery
- Improving coordination and management of research platforms
- Continuing to develop UCL’s open science delivery