



Research Committee – Terms of Reference and Membership 2023-24

- 1 The purpose of the Research Committee of the University of London's Academic Board is as follows:

The Research Committee reports to the Academic Board. It meets four times per year. It receives reports on research and research-related activities from the Research Ethics Committee, the School of Advanced Study, the Senate House Library, the University of London Institute in Paris, the University of London Worldwide, and the Centres of Excellence.

- 2 The powers and duties of the Research Committee are as follows:
 - a. to advise the Academic Board on the development of strategy, policy and procedures affecting research, research promotion and facilitation, and research-related engagement, including Public Engagement and Knowledge Exchange;
 - b. to advise the Academic Board on quality assurance, academic freedom relating to research and its practice, regulatory and ethical issues, and on the sharing of good practice in research;
 - c. to ensure that the University has appropriate procedures for addressing ethical, integrity and governance issues raised by the research of staff and students;
 - d. to approve an annual (publicly available) report on any formal investigations of research misconduct to comply with the Concordat to Support Research Integrity (<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/topics/research-and-innovation/concordat-support-research-integrity>);
 - e. to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the University's strategy and policies on research, including its research grant and contract performance, and the IT and research data management systems that underpin support for research;
 - f. to promote, support and monitor strategic research partnerships between the University and funders, users, and collaborators;
 - g. to consider the implications for the University of emerging national and international initiatives and develop appropriate responses;
 - h. to identify and facilitate opportunities for cross-institution and cross-Federation research collaboration;
 - i. to support and promote a world-class research culture at the University and embedding equality and diversity at the heart of all research activities.

Constitution and Membership of the Research Committee

Constituency	Name	Period of office	Membership
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Engagement) (Chair)	Jo Fox	<i>Ex Officio</i>	
Librarian and Director of the Library Transformation Programme	Catriona Cannon	<i>Ex Officio</i>	Confirmed
Vice Dean, School of Advanced Study	Clare Lees	<i>Ex Officio</i>	Confirmed
Chair, Research Ethics Committee	David Cantor	<i>Ex Officio</i>	Confirmed
Head of Research & Research Partnerships	Andrew Fairweather-Tall	<i>Ex Officio</i>	Confirmed
Head of Engagement & Knowledge Exchange	Graeme Wise	<i>Ex Officio</i>	Confirmed
Research Policies & Business Intelligence Partner	Sandrine Alarçon Symonds	<i>Ex Officio</i>	Confirmed
Representative of University of London Worldwide	Elizabeth Burns	September 2024	Confirmed
Three members of academic staff of the University, to include Chair in Digital Humanities, Chair in the Public Understanding of the Humanities, and an early career researcher.	Jane Winters	<i>Ex Officio (on leave 2023-24)</i>	Confirmed
	Naomi Wells	<i>Co-opted 2023-24</i>	Confirmed
	Sarah Churchwell	<i>Ex Officio</i>	Confirmed
	Eugene Brennan	September 2025	Confirmed
Representative of a Member Institution	Marion Thain	September 2025	Confirmed

Quorum of the Research Committee

- 7 The quorum for the Research Committee was not articulated in the approved Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership. It is therefore proposed that the quorum of the Research Committee is as follows:

“the quorum of the Research Committee shall be six members”