

Research, Knowledge Exchange and Innovation Policy Statement



RESEARCH, KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND INNOVATION POLICY STATEMENT

Aim

This Policy Statement sets out the approach by the University of the West of Scotland in relation to its research, knowledge exchange and innovation ambitions. Our research, knowledge exchange and innovation activities focus on income generation in line with our Strategy 2025, and we aim to foster collegiality through a culture of collaboration that proactively addresses the UN Sustainability Goals and supports socio-economic prosperity locally, nationally and internationally. . This Policy Statement sets out the broad principles by which the University operates and should be read along with the related guidelines, procedures and protocols referred to below.

Scope

This Policy Statement and all referenced codes, guidelines, procedures and protocols apply to all staff and students of the University.

Policy Principles

The University is committed to building a research, knowledge exchange and innovation culture and environment of the highest quality, integrity and ethical principles to developing collaborative partnerships, and to ensuring that our research has real-world applications, and meets the sector expectations for supporting researchers. The University considers our intellectual property to be a valuable asset that should be developed, protected and exploited in the most effective way to ensure that it reaches the market place and the optimal financial return is enjoyed by the University and its staff and students.

As part of our commitment, the University:

- Supports excellent, relevant and purposeful research which will underpin our strategic growth and will provide academic staff and students with codes, guidelines, procedures and protocols that are needed to deliver this.
- Will provide guidance and advice to staff in order to encourage the early identification of intellectual property and allow successful exploitation for the mutual and equitable benefit of all contributing parties.
- Shall ensure it has appropriate procedures in place for the management of consultancy activities and service work provided by the University's staff in a way which ensures these benefits while protecting the interests of the University and its staff in a manner which reflects appropriate professional standards.

Responsibilities

The endorsement and upholding of the principles of this Policy Statement are the responsibility of the Court. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research, Innovation and Engagement is the Executive Lead for activities within the University, which fall under this Policy Statement.

Approval

This Policy Statement was approved by the Research and Enterprise Advisory Committee on 7th March 2023.

Monitoring and Review

This Policy Statement will be reviewed as needed due to changes in legislation, standards or sector good practice or where a reorganisation changes ownership, responsibility or accountability. All related Codes, Guidelines, Procedures and Protocols will be reviewed annually in line with the University's Annual Compliance Monitoring Statement.

Equality Impact Assessment

REAC will oversee appropriate Equality Impact Assessments on the undernoted procedures, code or guidelines during the 2022/23 academic year.

Related Guidelines, Procedures and Protocols

Code of Ethics (under review)

Code of Research Conduct and Research Ethics (under development)

Consultancy Procedure

Exploitation of Intellectual Property Procedure

Guidelines for Ethical Practice in Research and Scholarship (under review)

Export Controls and Sanctions Procedure

Procedure on Research Data Management (under development)