

1. Introduction

The **Trusted Research Advisory Group (TRAG)** will oversee the University’s approach to the Trusted Research agenda, including export controls and the National Security and Investment Act, making risk-based decisions where appropriate and ensuring compliance to national legislation.

2. Committee remit

The group shall:

- Consider and take decisions in respect of any aspect of the University’s strategy towards trusted research and related topics, such as responsible internationalisation and collaboration, and transnational education
- Identify, assess and mitigate risk related to trusted research and related topics, including defining risk appetite and ensuring minimal risk exposure to the University.
- Oversee any internal or external audits related to trusted research, export controls or the National Security and Investment Act.
- Review any trusted research-related policies.

3. Scheme of Delegation

The following details the delegated authority for the group and shows how it is placed in the overall University Scheme of Delegation with escalation to Research Policy and Strategy Committee or Court:

Area of Responsibility	Limit	Decision Making Delegated Authority	Escalation To
Approve internal audit plan and reports	N/A	Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary	Court
Approve external audit plan and reports	N/A	Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary	Court
Approve trusted research-related policies	N/A	Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary	Research Policy and Strategy Committee
Approve strategic trusted research-related risk mitigation	N/A	Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary	Research Policy and Strategy Committee

4. Committee Membership

This is an executive chaired panel with the following membership:

- Deputy Vice Chancellor – Operations and Chief Operating Officer and University Secretary (Chair)
- Deputy Vice Chancellor - External Engagement and Vice Principal - External Relations
- Vice-Principal for Research and Knowledge Exchange
- Vice-Principal of Economic Development and Innovation and Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Director of Strategic Planning
- Assistant Vice-Principal International
- Executive Director of Research Services
- Executive Director of Innovation and Engagement
- Deputy Secretary & Head of Legal
- Head of Research Governance, Policy, and Integrity (Convenor)

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- Head of Research Contracts
- Head of Research Finance
- Research Governance & Integrity Manager
- Research Governance Advisor

5. Substitutions and Quorum

Substitutions are not permitted. Additional colleagues may be invited from time to time to provide expertise on specific issues or corresponding members agreed to ensure that decisions are fully informed. There must be a minimum of 4 from the agreed membership in attendance for decisions or approvals. Decisions require agreement of the Chair or, depending on the nature of the decision, the agreement of the Deputy Vice Chancellor - External Engagement and Vice Principal - External Relations (for teaching) or the Vice Principal for Research and Knowledge Exchange (for research). In the event of a consensus not being reached, the Chair will have the casting decision or recommend escalation to Court or SMG as appropriate.

6. Committee Member Responsibilities

Each Committee member has a responsibility to:

- Openly and constructively challenge research-related processes ensuring minimal risk exposure to the university
- Identify, assess and mitigate trusted research-related risk at an institutional level as well as horizon scanning at a sector level
- Activity and behaviour should embody the University's values ([click here for details](#))

7. Conflict of Interest

The TRAG will follow the [UofG procedure for the management of any conflicts](#). The procedure defines declaration of conflicts as a standard agenda item at the start of the meeting, the maintenance of a register of conflicts, and a process for managing all conflicts which are declared.

8. Format and cadence

The meeting schedule will be monthly lasting 45 minutes but will not take place if there are no cases to be discussed.

INPUTS

- Trusted research-related policies or action plans that may be developed
- Export Control policy
- Notifications under the National Security and Investment Act 2021
- Internal and external trusted research-related audit plans and reports
- Summaries of cases to be presented
- Reports on decisions/application outcomes from government entities
- Government legislative updates
- Government and sectoral guidance

OUTPUTS

Action / Decision Log

External. Not confidential