

University Research & the Economy: Opportunities for UK universities in the drive for innovation and growth

Wednesday 5 December 2012
The Royal Society, London

Agenda (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

09.00	Registration and refreshments
09.45	Welcome and introduction
09.50	UK university research as a driver of economic growth? Dr Nick Fowler Managing Director, Academic & Government Institutions, Elsevier
10.15	University Research & The Economy: What are the opportunities for UK universities in the drive for innovation & growth? Rama Thirunamachandran Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, Keele University Professor Adam Tickell Pro Vice Chancellor (Research and Knowledge Transfer), University of Birmingham Professor Paul Boyle Chief Executive, ESRC and President, Science Europe
11.15	Questions and discussion
11.30	Coffee
11.50	Creating Collaborative Advantage – how to develop effective university & industry partnerships to stimulate research & innovation Dr Henner Wapenhans Head of Technology Strategy, Rolls Royce plc Sir Brian Fender President, Institute of Knowledge Transfer Professor David Maguire Vice Chancellor, University of Greenwich
12.50	Questions and discussion

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13.00	Break for lunch
14.00	Keynote speech Sir Alan Langlands Chief Executive, HEFCE
14.35	Questions and discussion
14.45	Research competitiveness: the new frontiers for innovation, competition & productivity Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow Vice Chancellor, University of Kent and member of the Prime Minister's Council for Science & Technology Professor Shirley Pearce Former VC of Loughborough & Chair of Council for Industry & Higher Education Task Force <i>Enhancing Value – getting the most out of UK research</i> Research Competitiveness - the German Excellence Initiative Dr Inka Spang-Grau German Council of Science & Humanities, Project Excellence Initiative
15.45	Questions and discussion
16.00	Conference closing speech: Rethinking established links - the creation of knowledge and long term prosperity Sir Adam Roberts President of the British Academy
16.20	Refreshments and depart

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Who should attend?

- Vice-Chancellors and Principals
- Members of university governing bodies
- Pro Vice-Chancellors for research
- Deans and heads of department
- Other senior academic managers
- Registrars and Academic Registrars
- University staff with responsibility for research
- Academic researchers
- Industrial liaison officers of universities
- Directors and managers of industrial research
- Academic liaison staff in business and industry
- Leaders of research charities
- Government departments that commission research
- Funding & Research Council staff

Principal speakers

Sir Adam Roberts, President of the British Academy

Sir Alan Langlands, Chief Executive, HEFCE

Rama Thirunamachandran, Deputy VC and Provost, Keele University

Professor David Maguire, VC, University of Greenwich

Professor Paul Boyle, Chief Executive, ESRC & President, Science Europe

Professor Adam Tickell, PVC Research & Knowledge Transfer, University of Birmingham

Dr Nick Fowler, Managing Director, Academic & Government Institutions, Elsevier

Dr Henner Wapenhans, Head of Technology Strategy, Rolls Royce plc

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Specifically the conference will:

- Provide an opportunity to learn more about developing policies for research in the UK and Europe
- Hear from leaders of universities with very different approaches to research development how they see the future developing
- Enable participants to question senior representatives of the research base (universities, funding and research councils and learned societies) and to make an input into its future development
- Learn about funding opportunities both in the UK and in Europe
- Engage with both university and industry exponents of knowledge transfer in its various forms
- Provide an opportunity to learn about the experience and approach in other European countries
- Provide a networking opportunity for all those with an interest in research policy and funding

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Where do UK universities stand in the increasingly competitive world of international research? At both national and European levels there are welcome signs of recognition of the potential of research to create growth and jobs. Faced with this fast-changing environment, universities need to understand how this government agenda for growth will enhance their own research capability.

Specifically, how can UK universities make the most of the research opportunities now being created nationally & internationally, and how can they develop more effective & productive links with industry? More generally, how can they take advantage of the new policy framework which places university research centre stage in the efforts to create growth and jobs? And with academic research by its nature international in outlook, how can we work more closely with international partners to strengthen existing links and develop new ones?

The HEPI Autumn Conference brings together a range of senior HE leaders and policy-makers, who have been central to shaping the strategic direction of the policy environment for UK research and innovation, and provides an opportunity for the UK research community to discuss with them the new landscape in which UK universities now have to operate and the new opportunities.

Speakers include: **Sir Adam Roberts**, President of the British Academy, **Sir Alan Langlands**, Chief Executive, HEFCE, **Rama Thirunamachandran**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost, Keele University, **Professor David Maguire**, Vice Chancellor, University of Greenwich, **Professor Paul Boyle**, Chief Executive, ESRC and President, Science Europe, **Dr Nick Fowler**, Managing Director Academic & Government Institutions, Elsevier, **Professor Adam Tickell**, PVC Research, University of Birmingham, **Dr Henner Wapenhans**, Head of Technology Strategy, Rolls Royce plc, **Sir Brian Fender**, President, Institute of Knowledge Transfer, **Professor Dame Julia Goodfellow**, Vice Chancellor, University of Kent and member of the Prime Minister's Council for Science & Technology, **Professor Shirley Pearce**, former VC of Loughborough University, and **Dr Inka Spang-Grau**, German Council of Science & Humanities to speak about the German experience of the HE/ industry relationship.

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