

# O10. CITY ULE Research Centres

## 1. Definition

A research centre is a formally structured unit within the CITY ULE, other than a Department or School, established to support the values, mission, strategic goals, and priorities of CITY ULE and the mother university (University of York). A research centre typically conducts basic or applied research beyond the scope of single disciplines and Departments. It aims at advancing interdisciplinary knowledge and producing innovation through collaborative research with other institutions and the industry, research training, research dissemination and public engagement. Centres are expected to enable interaction between the CITY ULE academic staff members, students, and industry to provide unique learning opportunities to students and enhance research and academic excellence, real-world problem solving, scientific and societal impact.

## 2. Structure and management

Each CITY ULE Research Centre is managed by a Director. Depending on the size of the Centre and its activities, the Director may be assisted by a Management Committee (e.g. Deputy Director) and dedicated administrative staff. The Director and the (optional) Management Committee are appointed by the CITY ULE Executive Board/Senate. Each Centre may decide to create additional bodies at an advisory, academic or managerial role. Such bodies could be, in example, an External Advisory Board or a Scientific Committee. The Terms of Reference and the appointment of the Members of these additional Bodies are proposed by the Director and are approved by the CITY ULE Executive Board/Senate.

### 2.1 Director of CITY ULE Research Centre

The Directors of Research Centres are appointed by the Senate. Their term in office is four years and can be renewed.

The Centre's Director plans and coordinates all of the Center's operations, in such a way as to ensure the achievement of the Centre's mission. The particular duties are:

- to coordinate the Centre and its financial, human and structural resources
- to develop, implement and monitor short-term and long-term strategic goals in collaboration with the Management Committee (if applicable)
- to motivate and empower researchers to successfully implement their challenge/mission.
- to recruit high-quality doctoral students and ensure that adequate training is provided for their development
- to collaborate with the Deans and Heads of the CITY ULE Schools and Departments respectively in order to coordinate research funding efforts, networking activities and human resources
- to ensure adherence to professional standards and ethics
- to ensure integration of the Centre's outputs into CITY ULE research-led teaching
- to participate in CITY ULE's Research and Innovation Committee, the Senate and the Executive Board
- to cooperate with the Management Committee (if applicable) and set up any subcommittees or other advisory boards and to define their Terms of Reference
- to act as an institutional ambassador of the Centre and CITY ULE, and ensure that appropriate communication and dissemination activities are conducted to engage with the wider public and other relevant stakeholders.

## 2.2 Management Committee of a CITY ULE Research Centre

The Management Committee of a CITY ULE Research Centre oversees the Centre's operations and assists the Director in achieving its goals. It includes a Chair and a minimum of two more members of CITY ULE staff who are appointed by CITY ULE's Executive Board/Senate. One of the members is the Centre's Director. It convenes three times a year and on an ad hoc basis whenever there is a specific need. The Committee's duties are:

- To contribute to the development of short-term and long-term strategic goals
- To assist the Director in implementing and monitoring the Centre's strategy
- To assist in the advancement and promotion of the centre through actively seeking for funds, sponsorships and networking opportunities.

Reporting and frequency:

The research centre reports to CITY ULE Research and Innovation Committee;

- Frequently: through communication with the CITY ULE Vice-Provost (Research and Innovation) and attendance to CITY ULE Research and Innovation Committee meetings;
- Annually: via an annual report;
- Periodically: via ad hoc reports, plans and progress updates.

## 3. Mission/Aim of Neuroscience Research Centre (NEUREC)

NEUREC adopts a unique, holistic approach to interdisciplinary research by combining neurophysiological, psychophysiological, behavioural and computational methods to address outstanding questions in Neuroscience and current societal challenges such as the ageing population, self-control and addiction, and mental health. NEUREC aims at:

- advancing knowledge and understanding of the human brain and its relation to human behaviour, utilising state-of-the-art neuroimaging equipment and methods.
- advancing knowledge into the fundamental mechanisms of the brain-related disorders, early disease detection/diagnosis, and prevention and treatment.
- creating synergies between researchers, clinicians & health practitioners, engineers, patients and caregivers communities, and stakeholders in the industry to produce novel insights and outcomes.
- training and mentoring young researchers to create a thriving Neuroscience research community in South East Europe, and strengthen long-term capacity in the region.

## 4. Mission/Aim of South East European Research Centre (SEERC)

SEERC's mission is to support the development of South East Europe (SEE) by conducting pure and applied research throughout the region and for the region. To accomplish this, SEERC employs the existing research capacities at CITY ULE and facilitates high quality research engagement of its research staff by developing multi-disciplinary networks of researchers from across South East Europe and beyond. SEERC aims at:

- Promoting independent, objective analysis and public discussion on issues related to the development of South East Europe.
- Providing a forum for researchers in the SEE region.
- Disseminating findings to academics, professionals, NGOs, and policy-makers through conferences, advising, published research papers, monographs, and working papers.
- Disseminating important data and findings to interested members of the general public through open forums, web and other media-based means.

- Promoting cutting-edge methodology both within existing disciplines and for the development of multi-disciplinary perspectives, through workshops and seminars.
- Assisting in the integration of researchers from universities and research centres of the SEE region in networks of excellence.
- Acting as a networking and funded research support mechanism for the CITY ULE research staff.