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UKRI: Continues allocation work



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UKRI: Agreement of UKRI's allocations advice by the UKRI Board



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UKRI: Iteration and refining of UKRI allocations advice



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DSIT: Publishes organisational-level allocations



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UKRI: Developing comprehensive UKRI allocations advice



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DSIT: Secretary of State decides on the allocation of UKRI's budget



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DSIT: Issues UKRI's delegation letter



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DSIT and UKRI: Publish UKRI allocations



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UKRI: Updates strategic plans to invest this allocation and monitor delivery

As a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), UKRI's budget is determined by the overall funding allocated to DSIT for R&D at Spending Review and budgets, and subsequent decisions by the Secretary of State as to how that funding should be allocated to UKRI and other partner bodies. The DSIT Secretary of State decides on UKRI's overall allocation and, within that, allocations to councils, key programmes and the balance of dual support.

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 - The Chancellor announces SR outcomes, which sets the overall DSIT budget for research and innovation
- 2 DSIT: Commissions internal teams and partner bodies. Develops planning assumptions and allocations advice**
 - DSIT commissions information from within the department and from partner bodies (including UKRI) to inform the process of allocating its overall budget
 - DSIT develops planning assumptions, which are used to inform DSIT allocations advice to Ministers and provided to UKRI to inform our internal allocations process
 - Preliminary advice on the allocation of the DSIT budget is discussed with Ministers, including the Secretary of State
- 3 UKRI continues allocation work**
 - Using initial planning assumptions from DSIT and earlier UKRI planning processes, UKRI works across the organisation to develop initial allocations advice
- 4 DSIT Secretary of State allocates the DSIT R&D budget and sets partner body budgets**
 - The DSIT Secretary of State decides on the overall allocation of the DSIT R&D budget on the basis of advice provided by DSIT officials, including an overall budget for UKRI and other partner bodies
- 5 Developing comprehensive UKRI allocations advice**
 - Strategy Committee and Executive Committee develop UKRI's comprehensive allocations advice
- 6 DSIT publishes organisational-level allocations**
 - DSIT publishes its overall R&D allocations for the SR period, including UKRI's overall organisational budget
- 7 Iteration and refining of UKRI allocations advice**
 - Once UKRI knows its final budget from DSIT, we use this to continue to iterate and refine our comprehensive allocations advice
- 8 Agreement of UKRI's allocations advice by the UKRI Board**
 - UKRI's Board agrees our comprehensive allocations advice
- 9 Secretary of State decides on the allocation of UKRI's budget**
 - DSIT officials submit UKRI's comprehensive allocations advice to the Secretary of State, who takes account of it in taking a decision on the allocation of UKRI's budget
- 10 DSIT issues UKRI's delegation letter**
 - DSIT issues UKRI with its delegation letter, setting out conditions associated with our budget
- 11 DSIT and UKRI publish UKRI allocations**
 - Once approved by SoS, DSIT and UKRI will publish UKRI allocations
- 12 UKRI updates strategic plans to invest this allocation and monitor delivery**
 - Once UKRI's allocation is published then we will draw on extensive development over preceding months to update strategic plans to invest this allocation effectively
 - Work begins with our wider R&I communities to invest UKRI's allocation across our diverse-ranging portfolios, with a focus on maximising the benefits of our investment
 - We look ahead and continue gathering the evidence we need to make the case for sustained investment in the UK's R&I system