

# News story: Science Minister announces non-executive Board members of UK Research and Innovation

The 12 non-executive members of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Board have today (28 September 2017) been announced by Science Minister, Jo Johnson.

Over the coming months the Board will work with the UKRI Chair, Chief Executive and the executive team to ensure the successful formation and launch of UKRI, as well as the strategic direction of the organisation. This will include advising the Secretary of State on the allocation of research and innovation budgets, including the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund.

Science Minister, Jo Johnson said:

UKRI has a pivotal role in our future as a knowledge economy. This is an exceptionally strong board that will ensure the UK's world leading research system stays at the frontier of science and innovation for decades to come.

Sir John Kingman, interim UKRI Chair said:

UKRI's Board brings together an extraordinary array of brilliant scientific and business leaders. Together with the emerging executive team led by Mark Walport, we will be superbly equipped to ensure the new organisation delivers on the great opportunities it has.

A key task for the Board will be to ensure the strengths of the Research Councils, Innovate UK and Research England are preserved and built upon, and maximise the value and benefits from the government's investment of over £6 billion per annum in research and innovation.

The Members of the Board: