

Research and Knowledge Exchange Philosophy

WHAT?

Working at the nexus of creativity and technology, we are researchers, thinkers and professional practitioners at the forefront of our respective fields. Rooted in the creative arts, we undertake research *in, through* and *for* our disciplines, bringing new insights, creating new experiences, and shaping the future of the industries in which we work.

Beyond our own disciplines, some of the most complex and intractable global problems will only be solved by interdisciplinary and diverse collaborations where creative people bring uniquely valuable expertise. Our research and knowledge exchange portfolio balances the disciplinary with the interdisciplinary, and blue-sky discovery research with tightly applied, impact-focused and challenge-based approaches.

And we're very good at it. Our research is internationally recognised for its excellence. In the Research Excellence Framework 2021 (REF2021), 100% of the Impact Case Studies, 100% of our research environment, and 63.4% of our research outputs were judged to be world-leading or internationally excellent.

WHY?

Research and Knowledge Exchange (RKE) are vital characteristics of academic endeavour. They underpin our curriculum and nourish our teaching, positioning the university at the forefront of our disciplines, and supporting the next generation of creative leaders and explorers.

Proud of our location, and status as an anchor institution, RKE is integral to the value we bring to Cornwall, offering expertise, facilities, talent pipelines, and global networks to the communities we serve. We work closely with the public, private, and third-sector, delivering real benefit to the ecosystems that we lead and contribute to, and increasing the level and quality of Research and Development in Cornwall.

HOW?

We strive to enable staff and students at every career stage to lead and collaborate within, and beyond their disciplines. We recognise and reward staff for their collegiality, as well as their personal performance, using effective management and rigorous governance to create a diverse and inclusive community that is more than the sum of its parts.

We uphold the highest standards of research integrity and ethics, and we are committed to sharing our knowledge, insight, understanding, and good practice for the benefit of our staff, students, partners, and society at large. Our research and knowledge exchange supports the development of a regenerative and distributive economy, where we contribute towards developing a solid social foundation through research practices that stay within sustainable ecological boundaries.

Enabled by comprehensive staff development and internal funding schemes, world-class technical facilities, and dedicated services for the translation, application and commercialisation of research, we are committed to nurturing an environment in which research, scholarship and creative practice are valued intrinsically, and for the contribution they make to some of the most complex and intractable problems of our times.