

RESEARCH AND SPECIALIST CENTRES POLICY

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2.1 College Centres

A College Centre is established by a group of academic or research staff, whose objective is to lift the profile of a disciplinary or multi-disciplinary area of strategic relevance to the teaching and/or research strategies of the University, with a view to enhancing reputation, student success in postgraduate research degrees, and collaboration.

A College Centre may be supported by external income or by funding awarded at University or College level; however, the approval for and ongoing operation of a College Centre is not dependent on such funding.

It is not a Budget Centre as defined in this policy, and operates financially within an Academic Unit.





- 3.4 There is a focus on unified, whole-of-centre projects, platforms, programmes and/or equipment that depend for their success on the combined contributions of the experts involved.
- 3.5 Centres contribute additional benefits to the University, including building revenue and enhancing research and teaching reputation.
- 3.6 Centres provide flexible structures that facilitate interaction and collaboration with a range of stakeholders internal or external to the University.
- 3.7 New and existing Centres will:
 - align with the aspiration to



Centres may promote their activities through the relevant Academic Unit/College or University websites, and through printed material. Where relevant, Centres are encouraged to work with communication support teams, as appropriate, to find opportunities to raise their profiles, increase their impacts or influence, or position themselves for future growth.

A Research Centre will contribute to the PBRF rating of the University through its research and/or postgraduate teaching programme.

All new IP resulting from activities within a Centre should be declared to the Dean Enterprise and ownership will vest in the University unless otherwise agreed by the Provost.



A **University Centre** generally is interdisciplinary and focuses on major national and international issues, with world-class research carried out by academics working in partnership with external collaborators. It is likely to include staff members from more than one Academic Unit or College. It is normally supported by a Centre Agreement.

A **National Centre** is a fully funded entity with established funding streams from external research or other contracts and sources. Normally it is a Government sponsored group whose role as a Centre is set out in contractual obligations

