

Meeting Specifics		
Purpose	Frequency	
Regularly Scheduled	Bi-weekly	
Date	Time	Location
March 23, 2026	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Ralph G. Anderson Room 207
Faculty Senate		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair: Crawford, Christopher	<input type="checkbox"/> Design: Fugate, Jeff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honors: Martin, Joe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provost Liaison: Harper, Christine	<input type="checkbox"/> Design: O'Bryan, Mark	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Honors: Roberts, Sherelle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trustee: Petrone, Karen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education: Bennett, Stephanie	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Libraries: Weig, Eric
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arts & Sciences: Voss, Steve	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts: Alley, Becky	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nursing: Biddle, Martha
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business & Economics: Hapke, Holly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graduate School: Butler, John "J.S."	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy: Freeman, Trish
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dentistry: Dominguez Fernandez, Enif	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law: Henke, Melissa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Work: Jones, Aubrey
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Standing Guests and Visitors		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DiPaola, Bob	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harmon, Camille	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas, Rebecca
<input type="checkbox"/> Jasinski, Jana	<input type="checkbox"/> Frisby, Brandi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Benton, Julie
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor: Messaoudi, Ilhem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor: Brown, Christia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor: Thyne, Clayton
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Agenda Item	Presenter/Facilitator
Roll Call Approval of the Minutes 5 min	C. Crawford
Opening Remarks Updates Announcements 5 min	C. Crawford
Provost Updates and Consultation 10 min	C. Harper
New Degree Program Proposal/ Graduate Certificate Closure 10 min	J. Hammer
UK Core Ad Hoc Committee Updates 15 min	M. Stein
Acting Vice President for Research 45 min	I. Messaoudi
Title Series Ad Hoc Committee Updates 5 min	L. Vincent/ J. Hoch
Shared Governance Committee Updates 5 min	B. Alley
Senate Curriculum Committee Updates 5 min	J. Hammer
Faculty Affairs Committee Updates 5 min	L. Vincent
Faculty Trustee Updates 5 min	H. Swanson/ K. Petrone
Call for Agenda Items	C. Crawford

Next Meeting April 6, 2026 3:00-5:00 p.m. Ralph G. Anderson Rm. 207	
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Minutes	
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Agenda Item: Roll Call Approval of the Minutes	Presenter: C. Crawford
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- C. Crawford called the meeting to order at 3:00p.m.
- Faculty Senate went through roll call.
- March 9 minutes were approved.

Agenda Item: Opening Remarks Updates Announcements	Presenter: C. Crawford
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- C. Crawford had no updates to share with the Faculty Senate.

Agenda Item: Provost Updates and Consultation	Presenter: C. Harper/B. DiPaola
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- C. Harper discussed a call for nominations for the Provost Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee (PAPTAC) and the faculty trustee election process with the Faculty Senate.
 - The Office of the Provost requests a minimum of eight nominations to fill four seats from colleges other than those listed below who are already represented on PAPTAC.
 - Gatton College of Business and Economics
 - College of Dentistry
 - College of Education
 - College of Health Sciences
 - College of Medicine
 - College of Public Health
 - The faculty trustee election nominations will open on March 31. A report has been pulled showing what faculty are eligible to be nominated, and vote in the election. The [faculty trustee election webpage](#) will go live tomorrow, March 25.
 - The Faculty Senate discussed whether there has been a policy change to allow lecturers to vote in the faculty trustee election.
 - C. Harper reminded the Faculty Senate that the University must follow KRS 164.131 which states that the two faculty representatives on the Board of Trustees must be at the rank of assistant professor or above and shall be elected by faculty at the rank of assistant professor or above.

Agenda Item: New Degree Program Proposal/ Graduate Certificate Closure	Presenter: J. Hammer
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- J. Hammer provided updates from the Senate Curriculum Committee (SCC).
 - The Faculty Senate has been asked to review and provide a recommendation on two proposals.
 - BA - Applied Psychology – New
 - Graduate Certificate - Leadership for Deeper Learning – Close
 - C. Brown provided a brief overview of the proposed BA in Applied Psychology.
 - The traditional in-person psychology degree is designed for students who want to pursue research and graduate studies. The focus of the proposed online BA Applied Psychology degree program is to apply psychological science directly to real-world contexts by emphasizing applied skills. This is a niche that the Department of Psychology hasn't been able to tap into previously.
 - The Faculty Senate discussed the proposed online BA Applied Psychology. The discussion included whether the faculty had considered students' use of AI in an online degree program, if the online courses associated with the degree program would be available to

in-person students, whether any of the newly proposed courses were approved for UK Core, and if there was any concern regarding overlap between social work and applied psychology.

- C. Brown indicated that AI is a challenge for in-person and online courses. Online courses will have more discussion-based questions, but AI is a topic that they are still working to address at large. C. Brown clarified that in-person students will not be able to take the online APS prefix courses, but that the students in the online BA Applied Psychology program would be able to take PSY prefix courses. C. Brown stated that the fields of social work and psychology purposefully overlap but have very different lenses. A large percentage of undergraduate psychology majors go on to pursue graduate programs in social work. C. Brown confirmed that none of the proposed APS prefix courses satisfy UK Core, and there hasn't been a discussion about adding UK Core.
 - C. Harper clarified that any time faculty see a fully online undergraduate degree program, that it is not available to first-time college freshman. The degree program will not show up on the freshman or UK Online application.
 - J. Hammer reminded the Faculty Senate to record their official recommendation via Curriculum for the BA - Applied Psychology – New and the Graduate Certificate - Leadership for Deeper Learning – Close proposals by 5:00pm Tuesday, March 24.

Agenda Item: UK Core Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Presenter: M. Stein

- M. Stein provided updates from the UK Core Ad Hoc Committee.
 - M. Stein presented a draft report responding to the request for advisement on UK Core. The draft report responds to the two areas of interest noted in the request for advisement.
 - Area One: Consideration of two new competency areas around interpersonal/human skills and digital/technical literacy.
 - Area Two: Develop a process to create a streamlined and up to date course inventory to ensure the courses a) still meet the intended UK Core learning outcomes, b) have avoided curricular drift over time, and c) are reviewed regularly for quality and fit into UK Core.
 - The UK Core Ad Hoc Committee used the Faculty Senate Summit in January, the ad hoc committee expertise, a university wide faculty survey, and benchmarking when drafting the report.
 - The key takeaways and recommendations for area one included not adding new or distinct areas to UK Core, the possibility of building the two proposed competencies into the undergraduate program curriculum, including the competencies in the student learning outcomes for existing UK Core areas, and the possibility of folding the proposed competencies into a revamped UK 101 course.
 - The key takeaways and recommendations for area two included the creation of a faculty driven review process that is localized at the college, when possible. The recommendation is to not focus the recertification on curriculum drift, but to allow instructors the opportunity to revise and reflect on course alignment with UK Core. The localized review process would allow each college to create a syllabus review process to maintain quality and student learning outcome alignment.
 - The Faculty Senate discussed whether the UK Core Ad Hoc Committee had considered what the recommendation would look like if UK 101 didn't exist unless a college had their own version, if the Faculty Senate had a role in sunsetting UK 101, whether the advisement should include a recommendation for colleges to create their own first-year experience course, whether there should be explicit language that additional credit hours should not be added to the UK Core requirement, and what additional resources would be needed to implement the localized course review process.
 - M. Stein clarified that the draft report emphasizes replacing and not keeping UK 101. M. Stein stated that they will make it more explicit within the report that the recommendation is to not add credit hours to the UK Core requirement. M. Stein believes that the implementation of the localized course review process would still have central coordination and oversight from the UK Core Task Force.
 - C. Harper responded to the question about the Faculty Senate's role in sunsetting UK 101. C. Harper explained that there are a few colleges who have their own version of a first-year experience course where they have seen success in introducing students to the specific aspects of that college or major. UK 101 is

funded and staffed out of the Office for Student Success. UK 101 was created to help with retention of first-year students. The data for UK 101 does not show any benefit to retention. The Faculty Senate doesn't play a role in the decision to no longer offer UK 101, as the course is funded out of the Office for Student Success.

- B. DiPaola praised the UK Core Ad Hoc Committees work on the draft report and emphasized the importance of understanding where we are at from a faculty perspective. B. DiPaola asked Faculty Senate to consider students who come in satisfying most, if not all, of their general education requirements. He also asked the Faculty Senate to consider AI and how that fits into general education.
- C. Harper reminded the Faculty Senate that the University is legislatively mandated to accept general education coursework taken at another institution and AP credit with a score of 3 or above.
- A motion was made to table the discussion on the draft report responding to the request for advisement on UK Core.
 - The motion to table the discussion on the draft report responding to the request for advisement on UK Core passed.

Agenda Item: Acting Vice President for Research

Presenter: I. Messaoudi

- I. Messaoudi gave a presentation on updates from the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR).
 - The updates focused on the four main domains housed under the OVPR (Research Development and Support, Research, Innovation and Economic Impact, Research Administration and Central Services, and Research Integrity)
 - The Faculty Senate discussed the updates provided. The discussion included the FAIR Model and what area of the University is most at risk, if this is a good time to submit more grant proposals, post-doc parental leave, core oversight committees, IACUC process and delays, and CGS accountability.
 - I. Messaoudi shared that the OVPR is trying to be proactive and is already engaged in the FAIR Model, working on estimates based on a per dollar award. The hardest thing to account for in the FAIR Model is start up packages. I. Messaoudi indicated that grant submissions increased from FY 24 to FY 25 and that faculty shouldn't shy away from submitting grant proposals. While they are reducing the number of opportunities, there is a movement to streamline and fill slots that are open. I. Messaoudi stated that the Office of Postdoctoral Research, Innovation, Scholarship and Mentorship was only recently moved under the OVPR. The office is currently reviewing the processes within that office. I. Messaoudi emphasized that the core oversight committees have not been removed. However, the OVPR has taken the time to review how people are assigned to core facilities. I. Messaoudi stated that the OVPR is aware of the drift in animal related research and that strong leadership in the role of the attending veterinarian is needed to set the tone.
- Please see Appendix A for the Office of the Vice President for Research presentation.

Agenda Item: Title Series Ad Hoc Committee Updates

Presenter: L. Vincent/ J. Hoch

- This agenda item was tabled until the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Agenda Item: Shared Governance Committee Updates

Presenter: B. Alley

- This agenda item was tabled until the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Agenda Item: Senate Curriculum Committee Updates

Presenter: J. Hammer

- This agenda item was tabled until the next Faculty Senate meeting.

Agenda Item: Faculty Affairs Committee Updates

Presenter: L. Vincent

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This agenda item was tabled until the next Faculty Senate meeting. 	
Agenda Item: Faculty Trustee Updates	Presenter: H. Swanson/K. Petrone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H. Swanson and K. Petrone provided updates from the Faculty Trustees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Agenda Item: From the Floor	Presenter: Faculty Senate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None were added. 	
Agenda Item: Call for Agenda Items	Presenter: C. Crawford
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None were added. 	
Other Information	
Adjournment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 5:04p.m. 	
Next Meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, April 6, 2026 3:00-5:00p.m., Ralph G. Anderson Room 207 	

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY FACULTY SENATE

Ilhem Messaoudi, Acting Vice President for Research



UK Research Mission

UK Research supports and empowers innovative research in all forms practiced across our varied disciplines. Our collaborative, cross-disciplinary research environment provides a rich training ground for the next generation of thinkers, creators and leaders. The Office of the Vice President for Research supports UK faculty, staff and students in grant development and submission, compliance and regulatory affairs, and development of intellectual property. This includes oversight and guidance of 10 multidisciplinary research centers and 8 core facilities.



UK Research Vision

Our commitment to transparency, accountability, communication, consistency, and timeliness—the **TACCT principles**—is not a slogan. It is the operational standard to which we hold ourselves and our teams.

Throughout this presentation, you will see items marked with * indicating action we have taken in direct response to survey feedback from the research community.



**Acting Vice President
for Research**
Ilhem Messaoudi

**Center for Clinical and
Translational Science (CCTS)***

Markey Cancer Center*

**Research Administrative &
Fiscal Affairs (RAFA)**

Executive Assistant
Project Manager
Administrative Assistant

**Research Development
& Support**
John Balk

Centers and Institutes*
Core Facilities*
Emerging Themes
Research Professors
Research Priority Areas

Research Training & Development
Chad Risko

Celebrating University Research Across
the Enterprise (CURATE)
Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR)
Office of Postdoctoral Research,
Innovation, Scholarship and Mentorship
(PRISM)

**Research, Innovation and
Economic Impact**
Ian McClure

UK Innovate
Ecosystem & Training
Health Care Innovation
R&D Partnerships
Social Innovation
Technology Commercialization

**Research Administration &
Central Services**
Rodney Andrews

Sponsored Project Services
Collaborative Grant Services (CGS)
Office of Sponsored Projects Administration (OSPA)
Proposal Development Office (PDO)
Limited Submissions
Research Buildings
Research Communications
Research Information Services

Research Integrity
Bill Stoops

Clinical Research Support Office (CRSO)
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
Institutional Review Boards (IRBs)
Office of the Attending Veterinarian
Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
Research Misconduct
Security, Export, Compliance and
University Research Engagement (SECURE)
Conflict of Interest
Foreign Influence
Research Security

Proposal Development Office (PDO)

Accomplishments



- Complex Grant Development Program with CGS, OSPA
 - 4 newly awarded complex grant awards worth \$40.2 million
 - Diabetes Prevention COBRE, Phase 1 – Fisher/Nikolajczyk (MPIs)
 - Translational Chemical Biology COBRE, Phase 2 – Thorson (PI)
 - East Palestine Train Derailment Health Research Program – Haynes (PI)
 - Kentucky Women's Justice Community Overdose Innovation Network, Phase 2 – Staton, Oser (MPIs)
 - 8 submitted proposals to NSF, NIH (3), DOE, DoD, DOT, NEH, under review (\$123.8 million)
 - 5 proposals in development to NIH, NSF, DOE, DOS
- Hired a graphic designer to assist with graphics for complex grants
- PDO and CGS collaborated on training for use of SciENCv for NIH Common Forms Biosketch and Other Support – training available online

Proposal Development Office (PDO)

Goals



- Help faculty navigate changes in funding and programs
- Foster development of new and resubmitting complex grant proposals, aligning research to new and emerging funding
- Accelerate development of Emerging Themes for Research member funding prospects and new growth areas of grants activity via PDO liaisons
- Expand agency-specific Grant Writing Intensives and Friday High-Five with PDO
 - Recently launch of NIH and NSF boot camps

Collaborative Grant Services (CGS)

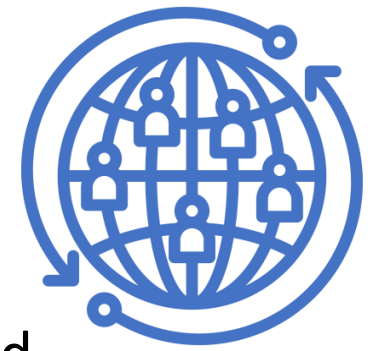
Accomplishments



- Reached full staffing, a key milestone of operational maturity and service capacity
- Realigned Hub assignments for efficiency and investigator support
- With RIS, created SPS Vault for secure file sharing between investigators and CGS
- Revised the Post Award Service Level Catalog for clarity on roles and responsibilities
- Expanded training, onboarding and reference resources to help Grant Specialists with changing requirements
- Established a post-submission PI survey for feedback and to guide improvements

Collaborative Grant Services (CGS)

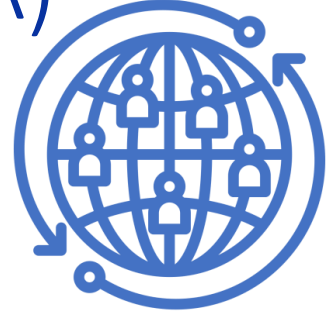
Goals



- Apply Microsoft Copilot and other AI tools to improve staff workload and response
- Continue collaborating with OSPA for process training and townhall visits
- Work with RIS and OSPA to digitize key forms (e.g., budget revision requests)
- Use the shared filing system, with OSPA and RFS, to reduce duplicate files
- Enhance the Proposal Initiation Form (PIF) to manage workload and data analytics including reporting for Unit Leadership
- Use JITBIT ticketing system more to gather additional Pre- and Post-Award metrics

Office of Sponsored Projects Administration (OSPA)

Accomplishments



- Reached full staffing, a key milestone of operational maturity and capacity
- New account setup team for timely account creation
- Established “New-N” status for received awards and award setup checklist to increase transparency, timelines and tracking
- Expanded staff onboarding and training, delivered workshops and developed resources for CGS
- Implemented new technology tools
 - Automated account setups for NIH, NSF, USDA awards (KY State contracts will be added soon)
 - Contracts Portal for intake of industry contracts and clinical trial agreements, and tracking negotiations and account setups
- Created new Sponsored Project Quarterly newsletter with CGS, PDO and Research Communications
- New Subawards Tracking Tableau report for PI, department and college use

Office of Sponsored Projects Services (OSPA)

Goals



- Build a high-performing team focused on service and support
- Streamline logins, enhance metrics, develop automated reporting and workload management
- Build ticketing system with RIS
- Improve communication with stakeholders
- Work with CGS for seamless workflows, data exchange and a coordinated faculty experience
- Support training for OSPA and CGS staff
- Update/expand SOPs for units and investigators

Security, Export, Compliance and University Research Engagement (SECURE)**

Accomplishments



- Focused on export controls, research security, conflict of interest/commitment, foreign engagements and cybersecurity
- Stood up website resource for researchers
- Collaborated with colleges to develop loaner laptop programs
- Led responses to federal agencies regarding Risk Mitigation Plans (DoD)
- Provided export control training to all new OSPA staff
- Integrated into workflow in foreign travel registry with UK IC
- Key member in Data Security Compliance Program (Dept. of Justice)
- Develop Technology Control Plans & System Security Plans for export- controlled projects and those with controlled unclassified information (CUI) - (CMMC)

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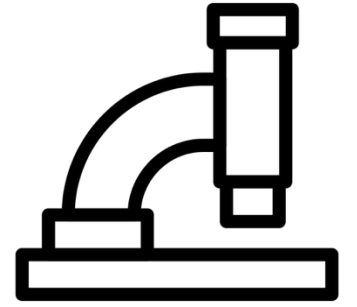
Goals



- Continue to educate/support researchers in the complex areas of research security and export controls, foreign engagements and collaborations, Conflict of Interest/Commitment issues
- Act as primary resource to address questions from researchers regarding best practices for Sanctioned countries/Foreign countries of concern (FCOC)
- Streamline relevant trainings required for compliance
- Establish NIST 800-171 compliant server and infrastructure required to store and use controlled unclassified information

Attending Veterinarian (OAV)

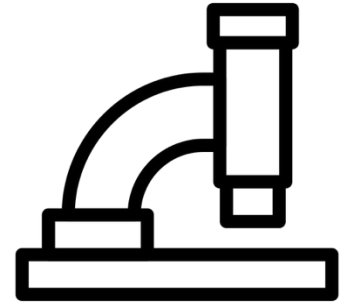
Accomplishments



- Revised veterinary care oversight
 - Defined the process and responsibilities (IACUC policy)
 - Established “Letters of Agreement” (when veterinary care is outsourced to private practice vets)
- Occupational Health and Safety Program for those working with animals (focus on efficient, comprehensive program)
 - Revised Medical Questionnaires
 - Revised required/recommended medical services and training components
 - Revised database to ensure all enrolled and/or cleared for participation, remain current on annual update
 - More direct involvement from University Health Services (tour of animal facilities, standing semiannual meeting, participation in AAALAC site visit)
- Established AAALAC working group
 - Stakeholders: VPR, OAV, DLAR, EHS, PPD, UHS, IACUC
- Hired new Assoc AV and OAV staff to increase efficiency and functionality

Attending Veterinarian (OAV)

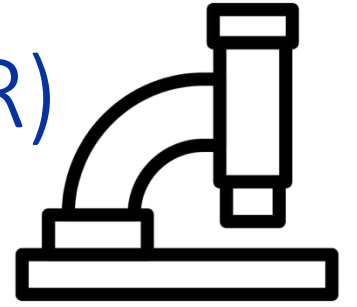
Goals



- AAALAC working group planning site visit in summer 2027
- Assist in the improvement of IACUC operations with initiatives to*:
 - Give investigators a better understanding of IACUC expectations and rationale
 - More consistency across IACUC protocol reviews
 - Clarity for investigators and IACUC members as to reviewer turn-around times
 - Efficiency of IACUC business processes with better functionality for investigators and committee
 - Help the animal care and use program adhere to federal regulations, guidelines and AAALAC accreditation expectations

Division of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR)

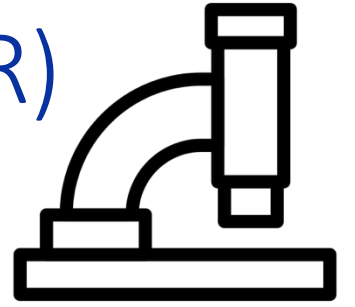
Accomplishments



- Implemented AAALAC site visit suggestions including improving environmental enrichment and social housing
- Mandatory DLAR Orientation training and Refresher DLAR Investigator Training completed (with RIS and OAV)
- S15 grant: dry heat sterilizer for Bio-Pharm facility in design and manufacturing stage
- Capital equipment: Installed new rack washer in the Todd Building vivarium, replaced and refurbished older equipment
- Creating space management plan and questionnaire for new faculty recruits
- Successful USDA and IACUC semiannual inspections
- Worked with UK Police to buy a new biometric security system
- New Service Provider for cage wash equipment has improved equipment downtime

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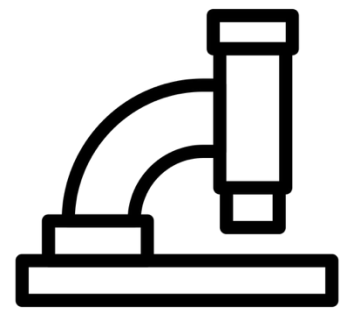
Goals



- AAALAC working group preparing for site visit in summer 2027
- Create a capital equipment plan and equipment inventory
- Reopen animal facilities in Sanders-Brown COA and MDS and develop a space utilization plan
- Support staff development through training, AALAS certification and ACLAM certification for veterinarians
- Address staffing challenges by recruiting two lab animal veterinarians dedicated to clinical care and protocol review
- Work with OAV, PIs and grant services on research strategies that support the 3 R's (Replacement, Reduction, Refinement) congruent with the emphasis on NAMs

VPR Core Facilities

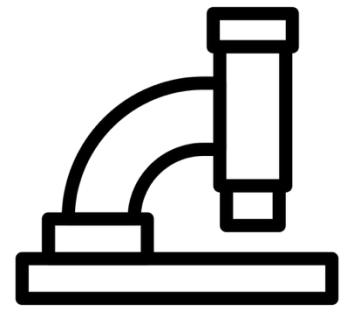
Accomplishments



- Investment in new equipment to meet critical research needs and remove bottlenecks
 - Mass Spec Core: Thermo Fisher Orbitrap Ascend Tribrid Mass Spec (\$1.2M)
 - Light Microscopy Core: MILabs 3D/4D Optical Imaging & Micro-CT System (\$750k)
 - Light Microscopy Core: Olympus FV4000 Confocal Microscope (\$340k)
 - Electron Microscopy Core: Thermo Verios 5 Ultrahigh Resolution SEM (\$320k)
 - Secure data storage: 3 DGX compute nodes and 8 X NVIDIA DGX H100/H200 servers Nvidia servers Expand Storage Deployed in COT (NIST 800-53 facility) for genomics data (\$3M)
 - Replace virtual server and desktop Secure AI Cluster (256 Pflops; higher than all UK clusters combined) (\$1.65M)
- Expanded the VPR Core Facilities portfolio to broaden support for UK researchers
 - Electron Microscopy and Materials Characterization Core
 - Cellular Genomics and Imaging Core (effective April 1)
 - Exploring establishment of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics cores

VPR Core Facilities

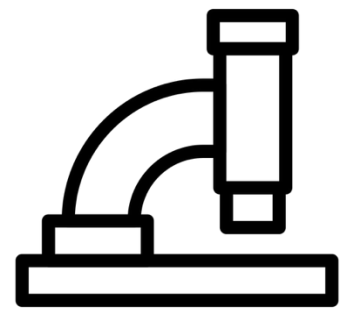
Accomplishments ctd



- Hosted a Core Facility Expo connecting researchers across campus with core services
- Launched cross-college initiative to strengthen and expand Mass Spec core services
 - Assessed existing strengths in the core and research needs across campus through dedicated survey
 - Assembled working group from 5 colleges to guide improvements in the core
 - Appointed search committee for Mass Spec core director (nearing final decision)
- Strengthening DLAR to better serve UK's biomedical research community
 - Surveyed researchers to assess needs and priorities for animal research support
 - Reviewed space allocation to better support evolving research portfolio
 - Aligning staffing to better support the breadth of UK's biomedical research needs

VPR Core Facilities

Goals



- Enhance VPR central facilities to support UK's broad research portfolio
 - Streamline operations, identify emerging needs, and ensure long-term stability
 - Foster a collaborative approach, with core directors and staff as scientific partners
 - Balance core facility operations with affordable access for UK researchers
- Appoint members of new Core Facility Technical Advisory Committee
 - Provide recommendations and guidance on UK research needs and opportunities
 - Survey users for remaining cores to understand satisfaction, gaps, emerging needs
 - Work with each core to develop a strategic plan
- Evaluate and pursue expansion of core facilities to broaden support for UK researchers
- Expand outreach and engagement to connect researchers with core resources
- Leveraging the investment in Microsoft Azure credits and early access to Microsoft discovery through partnership with CATS-AI

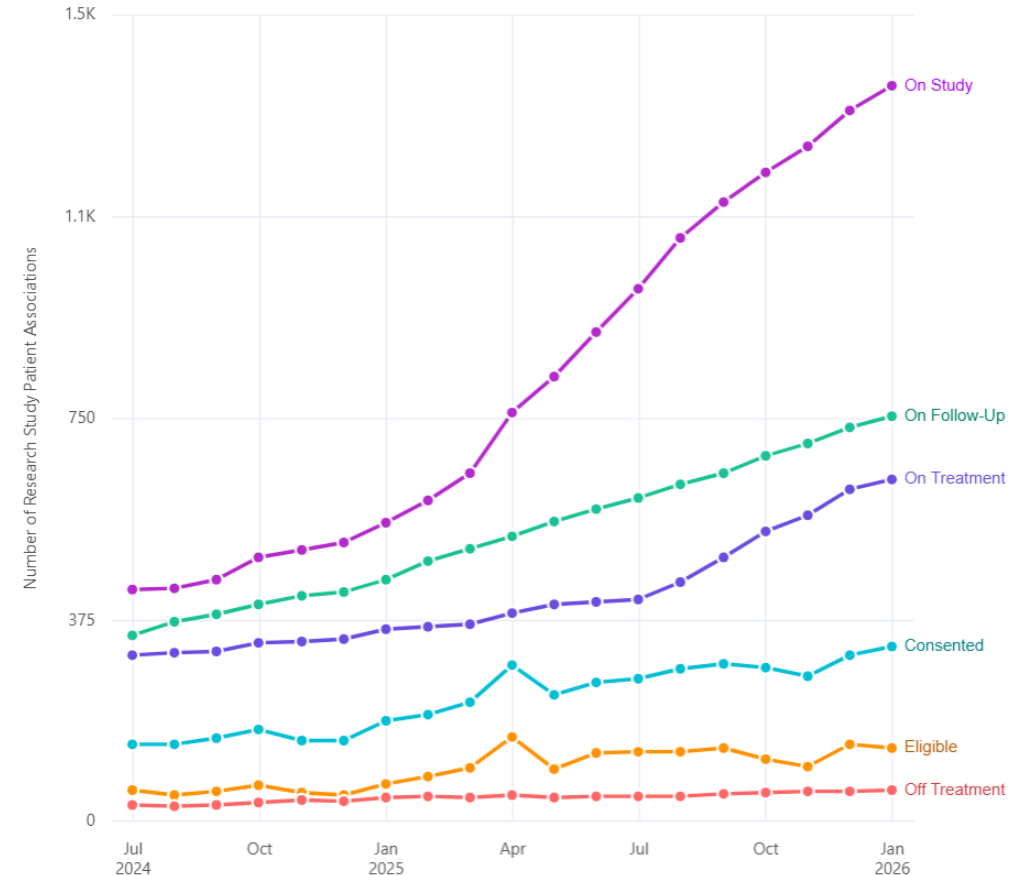
Clinical Research Support Office (CRSO)

Accomplishments



- Implemented 21 CFR Part 11 compliant eREG system
- Implemented a joint policy with UKHC requiring more timely subject data entry in OnCore: increased billing accuracy and reduced processing time
- OnCore and eIRB integration went live
- Piloting new Epic functionality to improve research participant billing review

Research Study Patient Associations by Enrollment Status



Clinical Research Support Office (CRSO)

Goals

- Implement new systems to support innovation, improve research systems ecosystems, reduce burden*
 - CT.Gov integrations with Epic and OnCore
 - Protocol Building in Epic
 - Rebuild OnCore Financial Chargemaster
- Support investigators and study teams with data management to reduce administrative burden*
- Increase participation in research and foster positive relationships with the UK research community*
 - CT Navigator position
- Work with partners to reduce study activation times*



Office of Research Integrity (ORI)

Accomplishments



- UK Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) fully reaccredited in June 2025 and has maintained full Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Program (AAHRPP) accreditation since 2007
- Poster presentation on “Train the Trainer initiative” at the National AAHRPP conference
- Staff co-presented a three-day FDA workshop for National Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R)
- Launched “AI in human subjects research” video series
- Poster presentation on “AI in human subjects research” at National PRIM&R conference
- Revised the UK Human Research Protection Program Comprehensive Plan
- Increased acceptance of protocols with central IRBs/reliance agreements*

Office of Research Integrity (ORI)

Goals



- Reorganization of ORI to delineate human subjects' protection function from research integrity*
- Develop ORI and IRB expertise on the use of AI in human subjects' research
- Develop an AI Chatbot for ORI/IRB questions
- Expand QA/QI program for IRB Reliance protocols
- Continue improvements on E-IRB, the electronic submission system for IRB protocols*

Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR)

Accomplishments

- Supported 92 undergraduate academic research stipends and travel awards during Fall 2025
- Hosted 53 events engaging 1,981 students
- Research Ambassadors served 304 service hours during Fall 2025
- 3 Research Ambassadors traveled to Washington, D.C., in March for advocacy program with the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR)
- 4 undergraduate researchers presented at Posters at the Capitol in Frankfort, Ky., in March.
- CURE Fellowship and UK Summer Sustainability Fellowship applications closed March 1; reviewing applications



Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR)

Goals

- 48 UK undergraduate researchers will attend the 2026 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) April 13-15 in Richmond, Va.
- Finalizing the 3rd Edition of Aperture, UK Journal of Undergraduate Research
- **20th Annual Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars**
April 29 at the Historic Memorial Coliseum

In addition to 2026 being the 20th Annual Showcase for Undergraduate Scholars, OUR is also celebrating its 25th anniversary. Please join us at Showcase to celebrate. (Note: Clear bag policies will be in effect.)



Office of Postdoctoral Research, Innovation, Scholarship & Mentorship (PRISM)

Accomplishments and Goals

- Rebranded Office of Postdoctoral Affairs (OPA) to PRISM
- Looking for a new PRISM director
 - Screened initial candidates, interviews ongoing
- Established the Postdoc Success Talks (pst!) series
 - Meeting with BCTC administration to discuss career opportunities in community and technical college systems and opportunities for teaching
- Society of Postdoctoral Scholars (SOPS) Symposium: September 17



UK Innovate Accomplishments

- Established Health Care Innovation team
- Co-led design and launch of CATS AI
- Most patents issued, most licenses executed, second most inventions disclosed in FY25
- 5 new startups launched in 2025
- Announced LifeSciKY partnership
- Expert Connect: New program to support faculty partnership for industry technical services
- 11 teams selected to Spring 2026 Launch Blue UAccel cohort

By the Numbers: FY to Date



UK Innovate

Goals

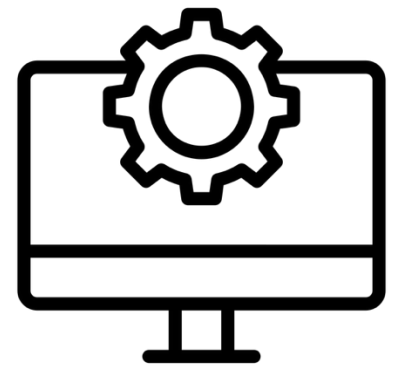
- Achieve CATS AI 2026 goals
- Complete two product pilots for Health Care Innovation
- Finish trajectory of tech transfer metrics through FY26
- Launch 5 new startups in 2026
- Achieve successful launch of KY Bio Alliance
- Increase industry sponsored projects

CATS AI Objectives



Research Information Services (RIS)

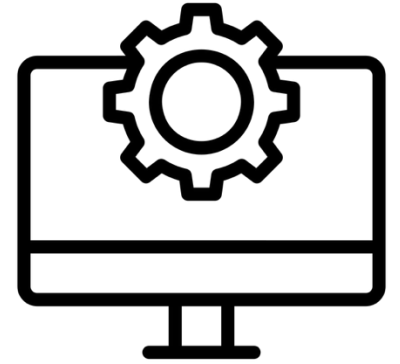
Accomplishments



- Delivered AI-enabled automation for new award setup for NSF and DHHS
- Implemented proposal workload tracking, workflow tools for OSPA and CGS
- Integrated COI Smart into core research systems to automate compliance checks
- Launched E-IRB v5 and integrated E-IRB with OnCore CTMS
- Deployed online Contract System for OSPA
- Expanded PDO Funding Alerts System
- Rolled out SPSVault, a SharePoint-based proposal development environment supporting secure storage collaboration and live updates
- Reduced duplicate data entry with cross-system integrations (OSPA, PIF, COI Smart, E-IRB, SAP)
- Enabled Research Security Training integrated with CITI & core systems
- Delivered new system to collect and streamline enrichment and required approvals

Research Information Services (RIS)

Initiatives



- Business process redesign for proposal and award lifecycle
 - Replace manual, email-driven processes
 - Reduce duplicate data entry
 - Streamline approval workflows
 - Improve handoffs between central offices
- Support for SAP s4 upgrade (Project Rise) for Research Enterprise
- ORCID integration with Scholars@UK and federal sponsor systems
- Occupational Health & Safety Training & Reporting for animal research facilities
- Post-award fund management tools
- Improve faculty experience through centralized tools, clearer visibility into research administration lifecycle
- Innovate the research enterprise with AI-powered tools

UKRF BUDGET

What is F&A?

- Facilities and administrative (F&A) costs are real expenses incurred by the university in support of sponsored projects, which by federal regulation cannot be charged directly to a specific grant, contract or other sponsored agreement.
- F&A costs are divided into:
 - Facilities costs (e.g., building depreciation, operation and maintenance, utilities)
 - Administrative costs (e.g., sponsored projects administration, purchasing, accounting, legal services, HR, IT, research security).

F&A Rate

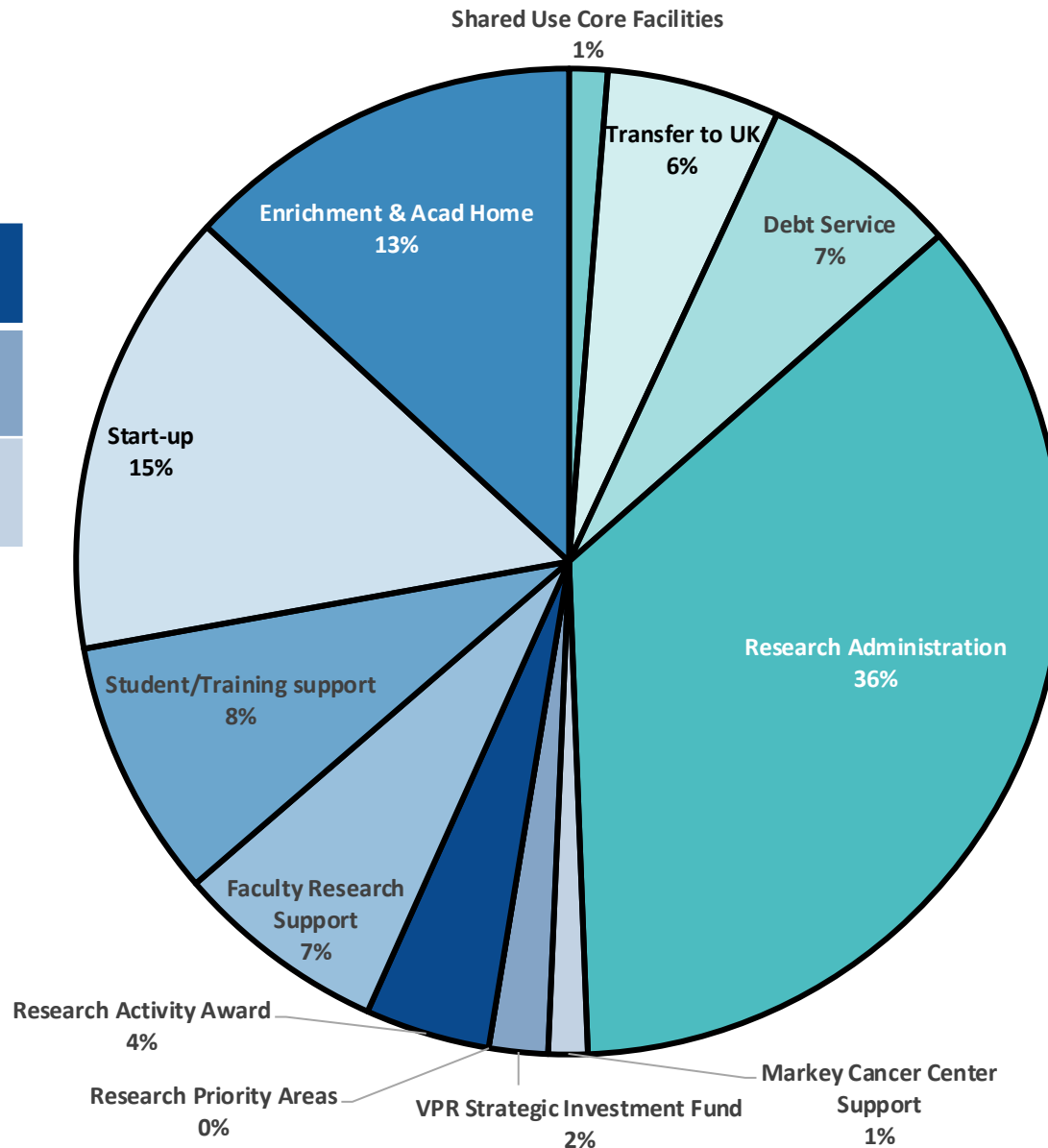
- As of 6/20/24, the UK F&A rate is 54%. For every \$1 spent on research at UK, the funding sponsor is charged \$.54.
- Not all awards receive the 54% rate (fellowships, training grants, USDA funding, capacity funds, state contracts)
- Not all expenditures on grants and contracts accrue F&A:
 - Capital expenditures
 - Projects or Equipment
 - Charges for patient care
 - Participant support costs
 - Tuition remission
 - Rental costs of off-site facilities
 - Scholarships
 - Fellowships
 - The portion of each subgrant and subcontract in excess of \$50,000
- UK's actual rate for FY23-24 was 25% of direct costs.

UKRF Budget – Expenditures

Research Program Support

FY26: \$39,268,956 (51%)

FY25: \$55,460,000 (60%)



Administrative Expenses

FY26: \$38,323,300 (49%)

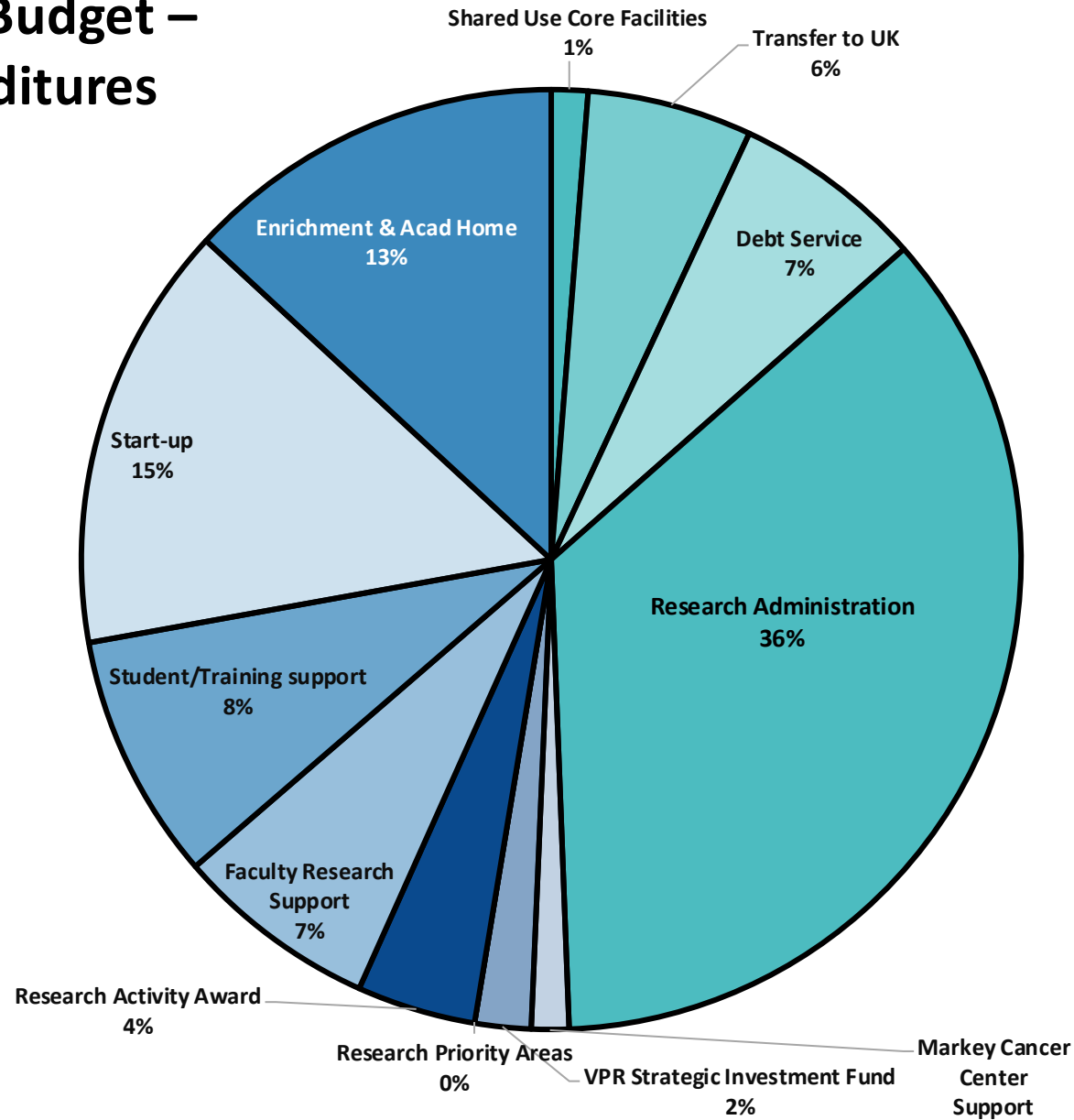
FY25: \$34,148,655 (40%)

Total Expense Budget

FY26: \$77,592,256

FY25: \$90,608,655

UKRF Budget – Expenditures



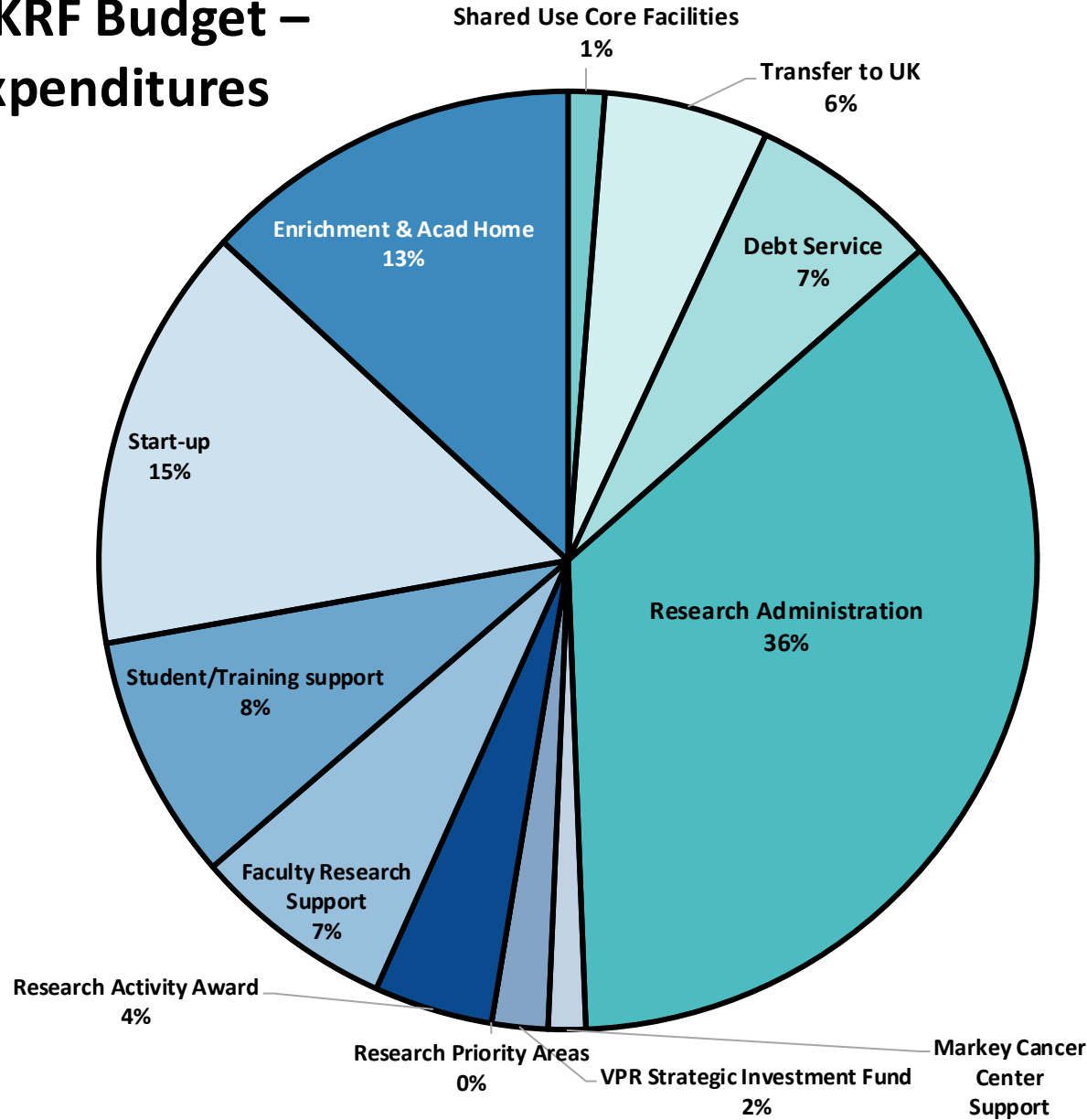
Research Admin Units funded – Salaries & Operating (36%)

- OVPR
- RAFA
- OSPA
- CGS
- PDO
- CRSO
- ORI
- RIS
- OAV
- OUR
- UKI
- SECURE
- Research Comm*
- RFS*
- ASTeCC*

Federal Relations

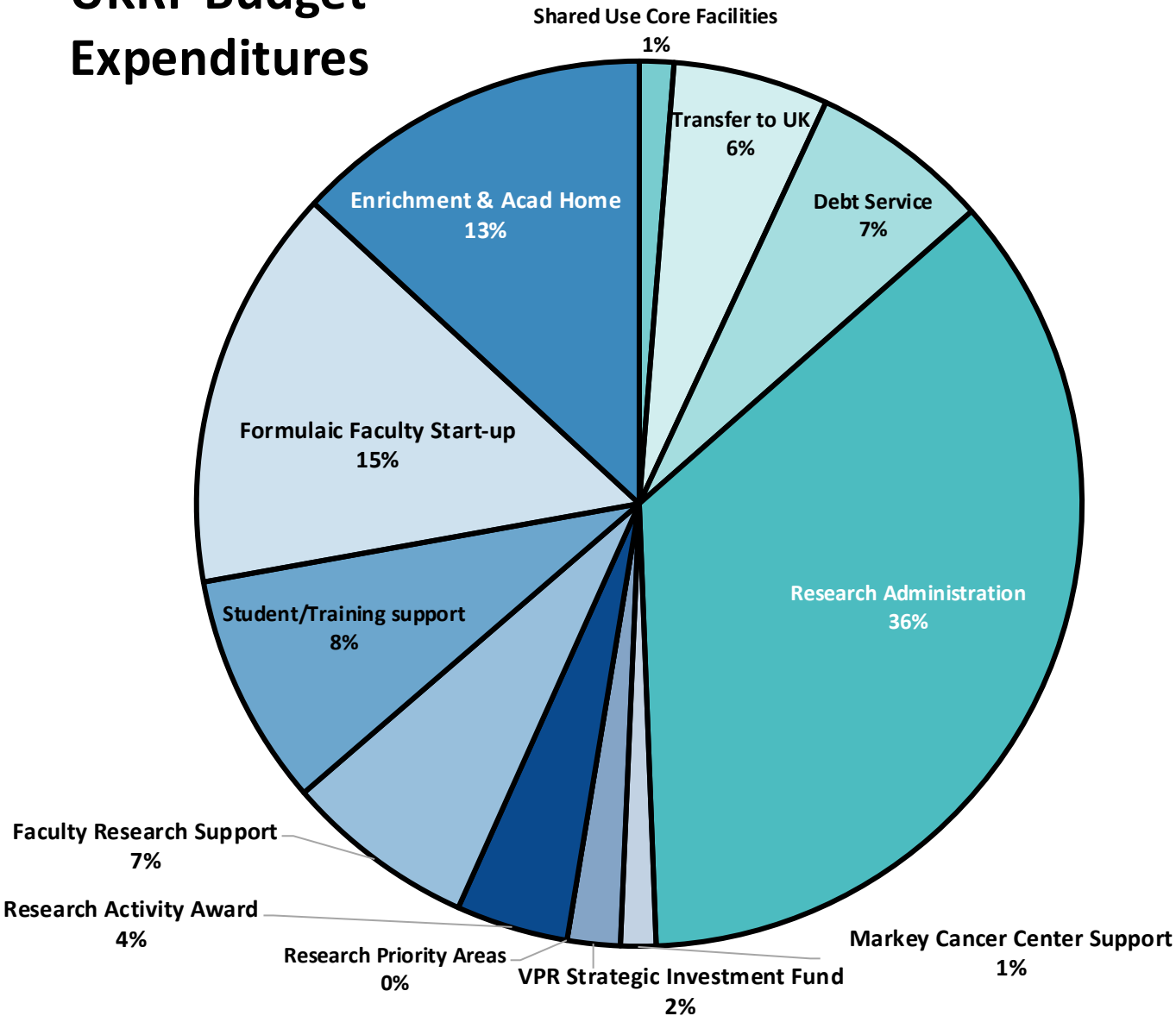


UKRF Budget – Expenditures



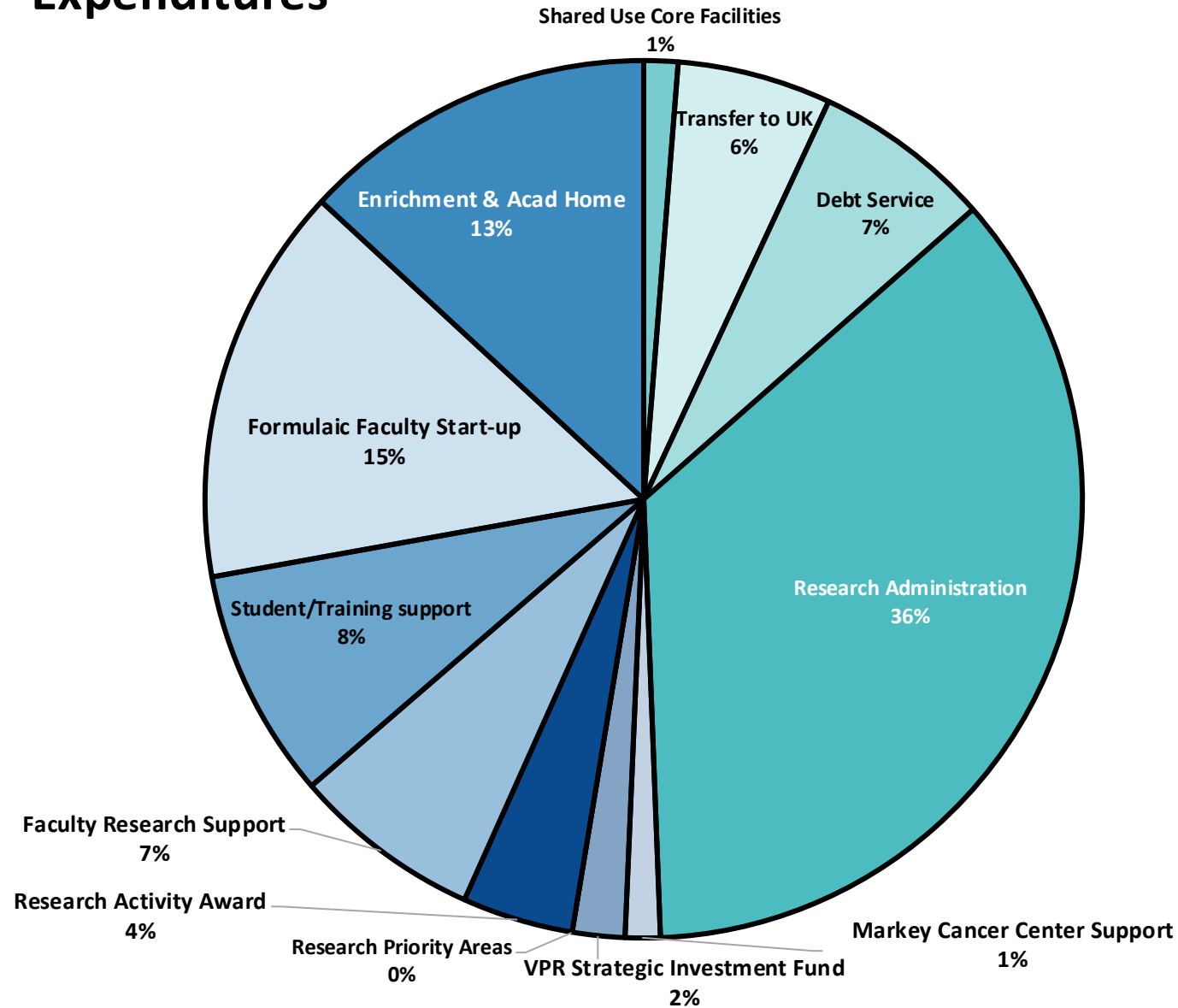
Administrative Expenses	Amount
Research Core Facility Subsidies	\$975,000
Transfer to UK includes: General Grant, Service Assessment, Legal Office, Supercomputer support, Environmental Health & Safety, Risk & Insurance Premiums	\$4,400,149
Debt Service: HKRB/SBCoA	\$5,110,000
Research Administration	\$27,838,151
Total	\$38,323,300

UKRF Budget – Expenditures



Research Program Support	Amount
Enrichment	\$10,187,358
Formulaic Faculty Start-up	\$11,408,400
Research Activity Award	\$3,172,798
Student/Training Support	\$6,591,500
Faculty Research & Grant Support (LOS & Internal Prog)	\$5,408,900
Research Priority Areas	0
UKRF Funded - VPR Strategic Investment	\$1,500,000
Markey Cancer Center Support	\$1,000,000
Total	\$39,268,956

UKRF Budget – Expenditures



SU/RAA in Colleges -

\$10,079,456

SU/RAA in Departments -

\$18,790,325

Enrichment in Departments -

\$22,667,787

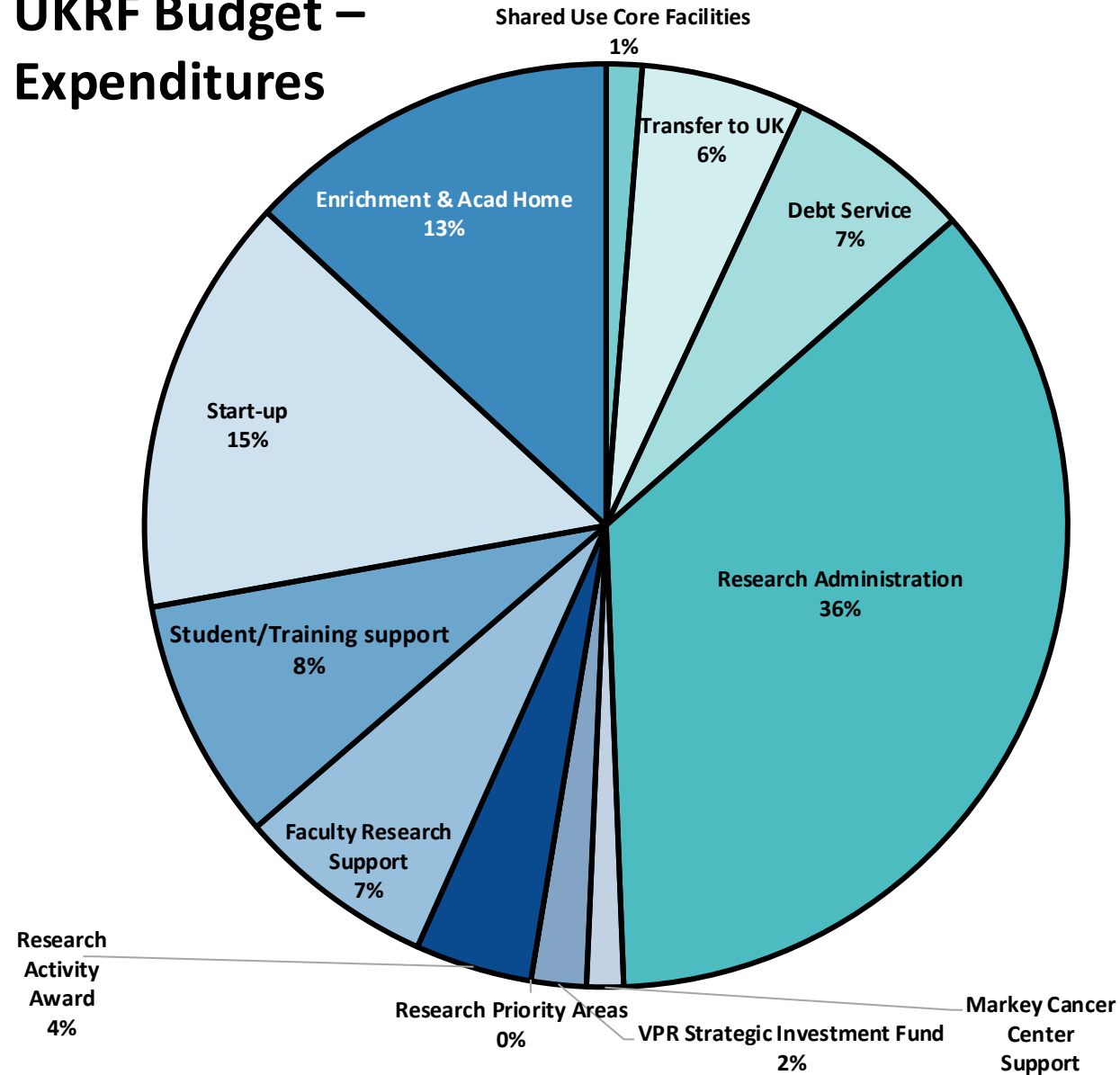
Other Funding - \$11,591,263

Total VPR Funding in

Colleges/Departments -

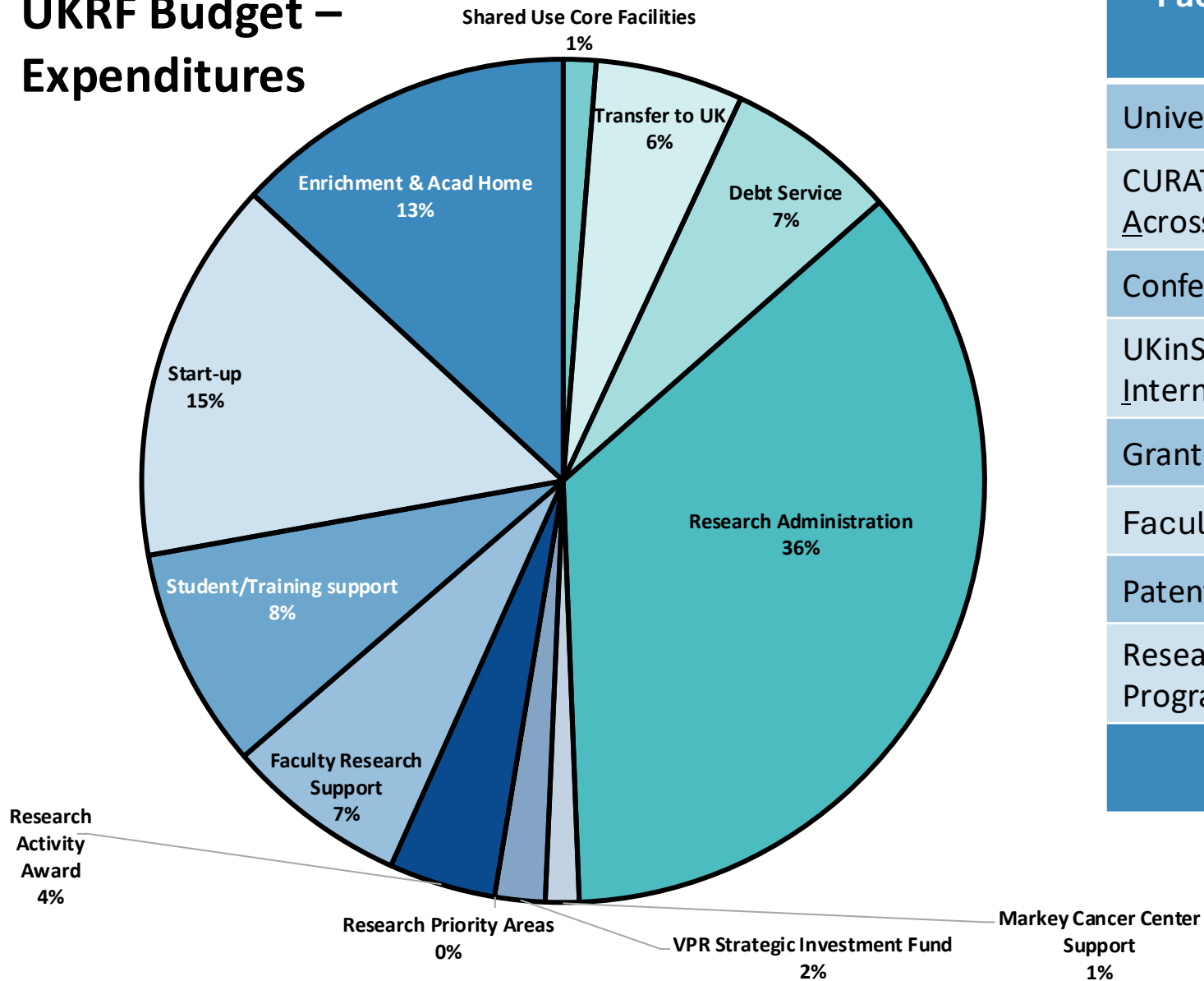
\$63,128,833

UKRF Budget – Expenditures



Student/Training Support	Amount
Teaching Assistants	\$451,000
LTJ Postdoctoral Fellowships	0
University Research Postdoctoral Fellowships	0
Tuition Waivers for Graduate Research Assistantships	\$6,140,500
Total	\$6,591,500

UKRF Budget – Expenditures



Faculty Research & Grant Support (LOS & Internal Programs)	Amount
University Research Professors	\$160,000
CURATE (Celebrating University Research Across the Enterprise)	\$200,000
Conference & Workshops	\$25,000
UKinSPIRE (Seeding Partnerships for International Research Engagement)	\$50,000
Grant Letters of Support	\$1,407,100
Faculty and Research Support	\$1,160,800
Patent Income Expenses	\$1,100,000
Research Equipment Maintenance Program	\$1,306,000
Total	\$5,408,900

The FAIR model

Developed by the Joint Associations Group (JAG) — AAU, APLU, AAMC, ACE, AIRI, COGR, NAICU, and AASCU. Released July 11, 2025. Replaces the traditional direct/indirect cost dichotomy with three transparent, auditable categories designed to demonstrate accountability to the American taxpayer while funding the true costs of research.



Research Performance Costs (RPC)

Formerly: Direct Costs

Project-specific activities directly attributable to funded projects.

- PI & key personnel salaries
- Equipment & lab supplies
- Travel for research
- Participant/trainee support
- Subcontract costs



Essential Research Performance Support (ERPS)

Formerly: Indirect (partial)

Costs necessary for research that can be linked to a given project.

- Regulatory compliance (IRB, IACUC, EH&S)
- Award monitoring & reporting
- Research info services & libraries
- Essential research facilities



General Research Operations (GRO)

Formerly: Indirect (residual)

Institution-wide infrastructure impractical to allocate per-project. ~10% of total costs.

- HR (onboarding, payroll, benefits)
- Procurement & general services
- General administration
- Campus infrastructure

Challenges facing UK changes in federal landscape

Net financial effect of FAIR unclear. ERPS costs moving to direct column changes recovery and severe limits the flexibility of using IDC to “broadly support research and research activities”. As public land-grant university with limited tax base, UK has less cushion than larger wealthier peers

1. Financial uncertainty

- a. Appropriations are temporary - Congressional protections blocking caps are annual measures that must be renewed each fiscal year
- b. COGR reported (Feb 2026) that OMB was working on revisions to 2 CFR 200 to place additional limitations on F&A reimbursement. Embedding indirect cost limitations at the government-wide level through formal rulemaking bypasses APA vulnerabilities that defeated agency caps, carries government-wide authority across all agencies that could withstand legal challenge leading to durable, harder-to-reverse policy change

2. Staffing/training

- a. Every PI and every staff member in PDO, CGS, OSPA, RFS requires training to develop and implement the new budget structure
- b. UKRF systems built for current F&A framework over decades. Needs new allocation methodologies, account codes, reporting for ~2,000 awards from 600+ sponsors. DS-2 and costing guidelines must be revised.

3. Growing compliance burden

- a. FAIR implementation is burdensome requiring systems upgrades, and multi-year transition
- b. Regulations proliferating but administrative F&A rate capped

QUESTIONS

