

# **RCSI UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH STRATEGY COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

## **Purpose**

To enhance RCSI's international competitiveness, reputation and recognition as a research-intensive university, through strategic planning, growth and development of RCSI research activities.

## **Specific Functions**

- To identify and catalyze strategic opportunities to grow RCSI research and innovation activities and enhance RCSI research performance and impact.
- To inform research policy and development in areas of strategic importance to RCSI including named research clusters as defined in the RCSI strategy.
- To improve research performance and metrics as measured by RCSI's position in global university rankings, strategic KPIs and benchmarking
- To develop recommendations for growth of RCSI research programs and reputation including potential seed-fund activities aimed at generating increased external funding.
- For cluster leads: to represent & promote, develop a strategic plan for growing activity in their individual research clusters and foster engagement and collaboration with other internal clusters and external partners
- To advise on the relevance and efficacy of RCSI research and innovation policy and procedures and to review proposed changes to such procedures
- To inform effective communication of RCSI research to internal, national and international stakeholders.
- To grow doctoral student numbers and promote excellence in career development and training for researchers
- To advise on strategic development of RCSI research facilities and infrastructure
- To advise the Director of Research & Innovation and the RCSI Research Executive Management Team (ERMT) on research matters.

## **Membership**

### **Post-holder positions:**

Director of Research & Innovation (Chair)

Deputy Director for Research- Translational

Deputy Director for Research- Clinical

Head of Innovation

Head of Strategic Initiatives & Industry Partnerships

Head of School of Postgraduate Studies or nominee

Associate Director of Research

Director of International Engagement & External Relations or nominee

### **Fixed-term representation from specific areas highlighted in the RCSI Strategic Plan\*:**

- Biomaterials & regenerative medicine
- Cardiovascular biology
- Cancer
- Population health & health services research:

- Neurological & psychiatric disorders
- Surgical science & practice

**RCSI clinical sites with significant research activity**

- Beaumont Hospital
- Rotunda Hospital
- Children's Health Ireland
- Mater Private Hospital

\*Fixed term RC membership is through invitation by the Director of Research & Innovation for an initial period of 2 years. Specific clusters and clinical sites may be removed or replaced due to reconfiguration of RCSI research priorities.

**In attendance:**

ORI staff member to take minutes

RSC Chair may invite other persons to attend meetings as required including representatives from Finance and HR depending on meeting agenda.

**Meetings**

The RSC shall meet quarterly

**Subcommittees**

The RSC may appoint subcommittees to consider specific matters and to bring forward recommendations for consideration to ERMT or RCSI SMT