

# CHEAD Research, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange Alliance

## Terms of Reference

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### **Background:**

CHEAD provides a voice for and on behalf of higher education art and design and related disciplines in the UK four nations, advancing knowledge and understanding in the sector and promoting the sector's interests to others.

### **CHEAD Research, Innovation and Knowledge Exchange Alliance**

The CHEAD RIKE Alliance is a collaborative, entrepreneurial partner in the UK's creative and cultural economy – demonstrating how our research creates impact by shaping practice, activating innovation and informing policy. The Alliance aspires to influence policy through research, practice and advocacy, keeping curiosity and exemplary arts processes at its core.

The RIKE Alliance engages with external organisations including other research partners, international institutions, local and national agencies, policy makers and our colleagues in member institutions to expand and enhance public understanding of arts, media and design key subject areas and their vital social, economic, political and cultural impact.

We are keen to nurture research leadership, research-curious staff and early career researchers to broaden the scope of research, innovation and knowledge exchange, to generate new insight and to inform teaching, research and professional practice. We aim to be a vibrant, well-connected and confident community of practice for new ideas and methods, with no limiting boundaries, a reputation for boldness and a growing international profile.

### **Purpose:**

- Advise and support the CHEAD Board of Trustees on research, innovation and knowledge exchange issues
- Reach active researchers who submit to REF Unit D32 but who are not active in CHEAD and/or whose institutions are not members
- Identify key issues, leadership training (including research and knowledge exchange strategy) and provide intelligence to support REF and KEF returns.
- Disseminate policy updates and submit policy responses on behalf of the Alliance

- Support research and knowledge exchange leadership and develop activities and resources to support researchers in the sector
- Advocacy within CHEAD's networks and externally

**Membership:**

Members of the RIKE Alliance will be drawn from a list of research leaders, early career researchers and coordinators in institutions which submit to REF D32.

**Accountability:**

- The CHEAD RIKE Alliance Strategy Group will serve the CHEAD Research Alliance.
- The CHEAD RIKE Alliance Strategy Group will report regularly to the CHEAD Trustee meetings and will normally include at least one CHEAD Trustee.

**Review:**

The CHEAD RIKE Strategy Group will review the relevance and value of its work and the terms of reference every two years.

**Meetings**

- Meetings will be held quarterly online.
- CHEAD will organise the meetings and will be chaired by one of the co-chairs.
- Meeting papers will be circulated two weeks prior to the meeting.
- CHEAD will provide secretariat for the group.