



Interdisciplinary Research Summit

Hosted by the Chartered Association of Business Schools

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Interdisciplinary research is rising in prominence and importance. The 2015 Nurse Review of Research Councils recognised that “business problems are rarely focused on a single research discipline” and in his recent review Lord Stern proposes that the Research Excellence Framework should “encourage long-term, interdisciplinary research endeavours”.

Business schools play a central role in interdisciplinary research, in particular in how scientific discoveries and inventions are commercialised and translated into innovation.

This summit enables researchers from business schools and other disciplines to reflect on critical issues, explore common challenges and investigate new opportunities. Particular attention will be paid to:

- How interdisciplinary research can address today's 'grand challenges'
- The sources of funding available for interdisciplinary research
- How interdisciplinary research is judged by the REF
- The challenges facing early career researchers wishing to undertake interdisciplinary research
- The challenges associated with getting interdisciplinary research published
- How business schools and interdisciplinary collaborators can work together to produce research that delivers real-world impact

Provisional programme

- 09:00 **Registration and refreshments**
- 09:50 **Welcome**
Anne Kiem, Chief Executive, Chartered Association of Business Schools
Professor Alistair Bruce, Dean, Nottingham University Business School and Chair, Chartered ABS Research Committee
- 10:00 **Funding interdisciplinary research: opportunities and challenges**
Exploring the sources of funding available for interdisciplinary research and the issues associated with accessing it.
Dr Louise Braddock, Director of Research, Independent Social Research Foundation
Dr Mark Claydon-Smith, Programme Manager, Global Challenge Research Fund
Charlotte Lester, Higher Education Policy Adviser, HEFCE
Professor Paul Nightingale, Professor Of Strategy, Science Policy Research Unit, School of Business, Management and Economics, University of Sussex
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 **Evaluating interdisciplinary research: looking ahead to REF 2020**
Reflections on how the REF, post-Stern Review, will judge interdisciplinary research.
Dr Catriona Manville, Research Leader, RAND Europe
Professor Tom McLeish, Professor of Physics, Durham University
Dr Jonathan Adams, Chief Scientist, Digital Science and Visiting Professor, King's College London
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **Where to publish interdisciplinary research?**
Addressing the challenges for interdisciplinary researchers of the systemic bias of 'excellence-based' journal rankings for mono-disciplinary research
Alison Rieple, Professor of Strategic Management, Westminster Business School
Dr Lisa Colledge, Director of Research Metrics, Elsevier
Professor Stephen J. Perkins, Professorial Research Fellow, Global Policy Research Institute, London Metropolitan University
- 14:30 Break
- 15:00 **Interdisciplinary research in action**
Presenting examples of successful interdisciplinary research and investigating the various ways in which interdisciplinary collaborators can work together effectively.
Professor Frank Bond, Director, Institute of Management Studies, Goldsmiths, University of London
Professor Ben Clegg, Professor of Operations Management, Aston Business School
Professor Claire Leitch, Professor of Entrepreneurial Leadership, Lancaster University Management School
Professor Tim Edwards, Professor of Organisation and Innovation Analysis, Cardiff Business School
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