



Higher Education and Research Act 2017

2017 CHAPTER 29

PART 3

RESEARCH

Research and innovation functions and role of the Councils

93 UK research and innovation functions

- (1) UKRI may—
 - (a) carry out research into science, technology, humanities and new ideas,
 - (b) facilitate, encourage and support research into science, technology, humanities and new ideas,
 - (c) facilitate, encourage and support the development and exploitation of science, technology, new ideas and advancements in humanities,
 - (d) facilitate, encourage and support knowledge exchange in relation to science, technology, humanities and new ideas,
 - (e) collect, disseminate and advance knowledge in and in connection with science, technology, humanities and new ideas,
 - (f) promote awareness and understanding of science, technology, humanities and new ideas,
 - (g) provide advice on any matter relating to any of its functions, and
 - (h) promote awareness and understanding of its activities.
- (2) The activities which UKRI may carry out in, or in connection with, exercising a function conferred by subsection (1) are not restricted to the United Kingdom.
- (3) The functions conferred by subsection (1)(a) to (f) include, in particular, power to encourage and support the provision of postgraduate training in science, technology, humanities and new ideas.

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- (4) For the purposes of this Part, “knowledge exchange”, in relation to science, technology, humanities or new ideas, means a process or other activity by which knowledge is exchanged where—
- (a) the knowledge is in, or in connection with, science, technology, humanities or new ideas (as the case may be), and
 - (b) the exchange contributes, or is likely to contribute, (whether directly or indirectly) to an economic or social benefit in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.
- (5) Section 94 makes further provision about the giving of financial support under this section.
- (6) Sections 95 to 98 provide for UKRI to make arrangements for the exercise of functions by the Councils on UKRI's behalf.

Commencement Information

II [S. 93](#) in force at 30.3.2018 by [S.I. 2018/241](#), [reg. 3\(a\)](#)

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- s. 9(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 21 s. 16\(2\)](#)
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- s. 10(6A) inserted by [2023 c. 40 s. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
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