
We are committed to international and world-leading research that is exploited and disseminated for the benefit of our communities. We have three priority objectives that aim to enhance the contribution of our research towards addressing global challenges and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals:

1. To pursue and support the highest quality, challenge-led, development-related disciplinary and interdisciplinary research;
2. To strengthen capacity for research, innovation and knowledge exchange through equitable and long term collaboration and partnership with academic communities in developing countries; and
3. To make a positive impact on the economic development, health and welfare needs of developing countries.

To do this we focus on four areas:

1. Sustainable health and well-being
2. Sustainable cities and communities
3. Resilience and action on short-term environmental shocks and long-term environmental change
4. Dynamics between long term development (to reduce poverty, gender inequality and promote peace and justice) and short term humanitarian assistance in conflict settings

**The Global Challenges Steering Group**

The Global Challenges Steering Group (GCSG) comprises experienced senior researchers and research support colleagues drawn from across the university, to coordinate, promote, monitor and evaluate the impact and success of our Development and GC Research Strategy. The GCSG will develop and promote a series of GC events and activities to engage researchers at all stages of their career in challenge-led interdisciplinary research, for example, seminar series, debates and opportunities to showcase case studies and impact of research projects.

Members of GCSG act as advisors on GCRF funding applications and make recommendations on the allocation of pump-prime funding. The GCSG oversees monitoring of GCRF and other development-related activities and evaluates the impact of our GCRF activities.