

UCML business meeting

Friday 14 January 2022, 10am-12pm



Item 3c: Vice-chair Research

I have drafted a paper on the establishment of an internship within UCML (attached in the papers). The purpose of this is to create new opportunities for postgraduates and early career researchers to develop their skills and networks, and to bring different perspectives to UCML projects.

I attended the IMLR Advisory Board meeting on 10th December 2021. The meeting discussed the importance of emphasising culture as well as language in what we do, as there cannot be linguistic acquisition without cultural knowledge. As part of this, the way we name institutions and organisations is key in promoting what we do. In UCML, we may want to think about how we frame our disciplinary identity in an inclusive way.

The recent report in the Talking Humanities blog reflects on the legacy of OWRI:

<https://talkinghumanities.blogs.sas.ac.uk/2021/12/07/owri-strategy-partnerships-and-the-future-of-modern-languages/>

The report highlights how OWRI has led to new and fruitful collaborations with other disciplines (such as the sciences) and other sectors, and has also created a cohort of more than 40 postdoctoral researchers, trained to work as agile members of large research teams. OWRI work has also led to a broadening out of the term 'languages'.

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