Research Away Day 2022

Welcome

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Thank you!!!

- To you ($\sim$420h away from research)
- To Monica and Hiba
- To DRC
- To Ben
- To Speakers

Information

- Research Away Website
  https://nilswmetternich.github.io/ResearchUCLDay
- Morning sessions
- Afternoon sessions (Workshop I and II)

Motivation for Research Away Day

- Research Community after Lockdowns (Covid Challenge)
- Department growth (Growth Challenge)
- Enabling research beyond departmental resources (Funding Challenge)

Key objectives of Research Strategy 2018-23

1. Community, collegiality and respect to define our approach to engaging with research
2. To enhance our reputation for rigorous research
3. To enhance our reputation as leaders for impactful research and external engagement
4. To develop and facilitate an environment for collaborative and autonomous research
5. A research community that is inclusive and diverse

Research Director Perspective

Research
Away Day

- Research is the very core of scientific endeavour
- What I aim for:
    - Argue for appropriately resource (time and money)
    - Support individual and collaborative research
    - Support research infrastructure
    - Ensure sharing of expertise
    - Build respective and supportive research environment
    - Foster sense of belonging and academic identity

- What I should not be doing:
  - Manage researchers
  - Narrow focus on outputs (e.g. REF)
  - Know it better

Today: Focus on Research Funding

- Research Funding can make sense for:
  - Increasing research resource (Time/Money) (Individual-Department)
  - Career progression (Individual)
  - Enabling collaboration (Networks)
  - Enhancing research environment (Department)
- Ensure that we understand and talk about research, process, and opportunities

Day is yours!