

University of St Andrews, Centres & Institutes – definitions Type 1, 2, and 3

The University's Principal's Office licenses both Institutes and Centres, via applications to the Vice Principal for Research. Research Centres support research only. Research Institutes support both research and teaching activities. Three types of research Centres and Institutes will be considered for licensing; indicative defining criteria are shown below:

Type 1: Centre or Institute funded by a specific funding award

- These will result from successful applications to sponsors (SFC, Research Councils, Charities, Government, EU etc.) for funding specifically to support the founding of a Centre or Institute.
- Upon award the Vice Principal for Research will grant automatic licensing for the duration of the founding grant.
- Following the end of the founding award, and in the absence of continuation of a core funding award maintaining the Centre or Institute, the Director will be required to re-apply for the continuation of the Centre's license as Type 2 or 3 (below).

Type 2: Centre or Institute acts as a focus for several PI's with either collaborative or independent research grants in the field of the Centre or Institute

Bids will be considered for licensing on the basis that

- The Centre/Institute promotes excellence in its chosen research field
- The Centre/Institute promotes collaboration between individuals and/or brings together different aspects across a range of disciplines
- Centre/Institute activities will enhance the academic quality and research reputation of individuals, Schools and the University
- The proposed Director can demonstrate that research members will benefit from additional activity within the centre
- The Centre/Institute introduces a strong brand which assists individual researchers or research groups in winning additional research funding
- The researchers involved **are in receipt of research funding** which allows and supports active ongoing collaboration with other members of the Centre/Institute

Type 3: Centre or Institute acts as a focus for research activity – not specifically funded by a Centre/Institute grant nor other research awards.

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- The Centre/Institute promotes excellence in its chosen research field
- The Centre/Institute promotes collaboration between individuals and/or brings together different aspects across a range of disciplines
- The Centre/Institute is proposed in order to introduce a strong brand aimed at enabling individual researchers or research groups to seek field-specific, interdisciplinary research funding
- Centre/Institute activities will enhance academic quality and research reputation of individuals, Schools and the University
- The proposed Director can demonstrate that members will benefit from additional activity within the Centre/Institute
- The researchers involved **are not yet in receipt of substantial research sponsorship** supporting ongoing collaborations between Centre/Institute members

Individuals and groups seeking to propose a new, or re-license an existing Centre or Institute should contact the Vice Principal for Research, vpres@st-andrews.ac.uk in the first instance. Proposal forms for applicants are available from the Research Policy Office, College Gate (rpo@st-andrews.ac.uk)