**Higher Education Research Capital – Monitoring Report and Future Planning Priorities**

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| **Institution:** |  |
| **Project Lead:** |  | **Email**:  |  |

Please complete the table below to report on the confirmed use of HERC 2025-26 funding by your institution. You should provide a detailed breakdown of expenditure for all projects and demonstrate in the project description where this funding has enabled and incentivised your research capacity, developed strategic priorities and to compete more effectively for external research and innovation funding. Where HERC has been used as a contribution towards more significant capital costs, both Medr and DSIT require a breakdown of expenditure to demonstrate the added value of HERC.

**Part 1 – Report on use of Higher Education Research Capital (HERC) funding in 2025-26**

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| **Project Description**Please provide a description of project and include information relating to the scale / significance; any partners; other relevant factors in prioritising use of HERC funding. Include where this funding has enabled and incentivised your research capacity and developed strategic priorities.  | **Objectives of the funded project**What will the investment enable your institutions to achieve? Why prioritise funding in this area? How will the project enable you to compete more effectively for external research and innovation funding. | **Breakdown of expenditure (£k)** |
| How has HERC has been invested? £k (e.g. tools, equipment, specific upgrades to facilities/estate) | Total project costs (from all sources)£k |
| Project 1 details…. |  | ££*Sub-total £* | £ |
| Project 2 details…. |  | ££*Sub-total £* | £ |
| Project 3 details…. |  | ££*Sub-total £* | £ |
| Etc.. |  | £ | £ |
|  | **Total** | **£** | **£** |

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| **Links to Policy**Provide details of how your investment helps to meet WG, national or international agendas or priorities through reference to meeting the aims of - [Programme for Government](https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-01/programme-for-government-update-december-2021.pdf); [UK Innovation Strategy;](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1009577/uk-innovation-strategy.pdf)  [UKRI's strategy](https://www.ukri.org/about-us/strategy-plans-and-data/our-strategy-2022-to-2027/); [Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015](https://futuregenerations.wales/about-us/future-generations-act/); the future Welsh Government Innovation Strategy; *any other relevant strategies.* |
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**Part 2 – Identifying research capital priorities for 2026-27**

This section of the report should identify your intended priorities for the use of **HERC funding in 2026-27** on the assumption that you will receive a further capital allocation of similar size in that year.

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| Provide estimated details planned HERC investment? £k (e.g. tools, equipment, specific upgrades to facilities/estate) | Total project costs (from all sources)£k |
| Project 1… |  | ££*Sub-total £* | £ |
| Project 2… |  | ££*Sub-total £* | £ |
| Project 3… |  | ££*Sub-total £* | £ |
| Project 4… |  | ££*Sub-total £* | £ |
|  | **Total**  | **£** | **£** |

**Part 3 – Regulatory Compliance**

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| **Regulatory Requirement Compliance** |
| **Regulatory Area** | ***Use drop down menus to confirm:*** |
| 1. [Welsh Language Standards (2018)](http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/en/about-us/operational-policies/welsh-language-standards/)
 | Choose an item. |
| 1. Equality Impact Assessment
 | Choose an item. |
| 1. [Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015)](http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en)
 | Choose an item. |

I confirm that:

* Part 1 of this report provides an accurate summary of the use of HERC funding in 2025-26 (spent or committed to April 2026);
* Part 2 of this form provides an indicative indication of intended HERC supported projects in the financial year 2026-27 on the assumption that a comparable level of research funding will be provided in that year.

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| **Signature:****Vice-Chancellor** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

NB: this report should be completed and submitted to Hayley Moss research@medr.cymru by **13 February 2026**.