



# UKRI allocations process map

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As a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), UKRI's budget is determined by the overall funding allocated to BEIS for R&D at Spending Review and budgets, and subsequent decisions by the Secretary of State as to how that funding should be allocated to UKRI and other partner bodies. The BEIS Secretary of State decides on UKRI's overall allocation and, within that, allocations to councils, key programmes and the balance of dual support.



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- UKRI
- BEIS
- BEIS + UKRI

- 1 Spending Review (SR) announcement**
  - The Chancellor announces SR outcomes, which sets the overall BEIS budget for research and innovation
- 2 BEIS: Commissions internal teams and partner bodies. Develops planning assumptions and allocations advice**
  - BEIS commissions information from within the department and from partner bodies (including UKRI) to inform the process of allocating its overall budget
  - BEIS develops planning assumptions, which are used to inform BEIS allocations advice to Ministers and provided to UKRI to inform our internal allocations process
  - Preliminary advice on the allocation of the BEIS budget is discussed with Ministers, including the Secretary of State
- 3 UKRI continues allocation work**
  - Using initial planning assumptions from BEIS and earlier UKRI planning processes, UKRI works across the organisation to develop initial allocations advice
- 4 BEIS Secretary of State allocates the BEIS R&D budget and sets partner body budgets**
  - The BEIS Secretary of State decides on the overall allocation of the BEIS R&D budget on the basis of advice provided by BEIS officials, including an overall budget for UKRI and other partner bodies
- 5 Developing comprehensive UKRI allocations advice**
  - Strategy Committee and Executive Committee develop UKRI's comprehensive allocations advice
- 6 BEIS publishes organisational-level allocations**
  - BEIS publishes its overall R&D allocations for the SR period, including UKRI's overall organisational budget
- 7 Iteration and refining of UKRI allocations advice**
  - Once UKRI knows its final budget from BEIS, we use this to continue to iterate and refine our comprehensive allocations advice
- 8 Agreement of UKRI's allocations advice by the UKRI Board**
  - UKRI's Board agrees our comprehensive allocations advice
- 9 Secretary of State decides on the allocation of UKRI's budget**
  - BEIS officials submit UKRI's comprehensive allocations advice to the Secretary of State, who takes account of it in taking a decision on the allocation of UKRI's budget
- 10 BEIS issues UKRI's delegation letter**
  - BEIS issues UKRI with its delegation letter, setting out conditions associated with our budget
- 11 BEIS and UKRI publish UKRI allocations**
  - Once approved by SoS, BEIS and UKRI will publish UKRI allocations
- 12 UKRI publish council Strategic Delivery Plans and UKRI Corporate Plan**
  - Once UKRI's allocation is published then we will draw on extensive development over preceding months to update and publish our council Strategic Delivery Plans and UKRI's Corporate Plan
  - Work begins with our wider R&I communities to invest UKRI's allocation across our diverse-ranging portfolios, with a focus on maximising the benefits of our investment
  - We begin to look ahead to the next Spending Review and gathering the evidence we need to make the case for sustained investment in the UK's R&I system