

CENTRE DESCRIPTORS

	Short description	Full description
1	Single dept - small	Single department research groupings established to coalesce and support communication of important themes of departmental research strength. Normally smaller in scale and/or more operational in nature.
2	Single dept - medium	Single-department entities that have a specific research focus that is often strongly aligned with institutional research strategy. They are characterised by significant scale (number of individuals, levels of income, clearly outlying in comparison with other departmental activity) and in being recognised as internationally-leading in their field.
3	Interdisciplinary - small	Inter-disciplinary research entities that always involve more than one department and occasionally may involve more than one faculty. The entities may be small in scale and/or be activities with an emerging profile of internationally-leading research.
4	Interdisciplinary - medium	Inter-disciplinary research entities that always involve more than one department and occasionally may involve more than one faculty. Activities are generally closely aligned to institutional research strategy. The entities are intermediate in scale (numbers of individuals, levels of income) and are characterised by a clearly-evidenced profile of internationally-leading research.
5	Interdisciplinary - large	Major inter-disciplinary research entities that always involve more than one department and often, but not always, involve more than one faculty. These entities are tasked with delivering a major strand of institutional research strategy. They are also characterised by scale (numbers of individuals, levels of income) and a clearly-evidenced profile of internationally-leading research.
6	External partnership - small	Entities established to foster collaboration with external partners. The entities are smaller in scale and/or more operational in nature. Normally involving one department.
7	External partnership - medium	Entities established to foster collaboration with external partners of strategic importance to the institution. High profile and aligned with institutional research strategy.
8	External partnership - large	Major research entities established to foster collaboration with external partners of particular strategic importance to the institution. Likely to involve more than one department and often, but not always, more than one faculty. Characterised by scale and a clearly evidenced profile of internationally-leading research
9	Platform - larger interdepartmental	Large interdepartmental platforms for facilitating and supporting research across faculties
10	Platform - strategic facility	Strategic research facilities supporting access to specialist equipment/infrastructure for the research community