University Research Strategy 2015-2022

Research Mission Statement
The University of Surrey is an ambitious, research-led organisation, committed to research excellence and to the application of our research for the benefit of society. As such, we have equally high regard for virtuosity in both fundamental and applied research.

Objective
By 2022 the University of Surrey will be a top 20 university in the UK and top 150 university in the world for international research. The University will grow research income to at least £50m p.a. to help ensure the financial sustainability of the organisation.

Our primary strategic aims are:
1. To provide a research culture and infrastructure that attracts and retains world class academics.
2. To provide a research environment that attracts and supports high quality post-graduate researchers, with first class training, supervision and facilities.
3. To publish high quality, impactful research, with an overall profile of over 35% world-leading publications.
4. To be recognised both in the UK and internationally for the application of our research for the benefit of industry, commerce, government and society as a whole.
5. To foster a research environment that supports key research themes of UK Research Councils and the EU, and addresses global grand challenges.
6. To be a valued partner and collaborator with UK and international businesses and industries, enhancing knowledge exchange.
7. To work closely with other UK and international universities, forming collaborations and partnerships to achieve greater critical mass and wider coverage in joint research grant submissions.