

German U15 and Russell Group Joint Statement

We believe research, education and innovation have a major role to play in creating opportunities for people and responding to the major challenges facing our societies such as net zero, resilient healthcare systems and social inequality.

It is our shared conviction that collaboration between universities, which transcends politics and borders, is more important than ever. The enduring relationships between universities in the Russell Group and the German U15 are a reminder of how vital it is for the UK and Europe to connect and collaborate on the basis of trust and our shared values.

To enhance that collaboration and ensure research and innovation is not affected by politics, we have agreed to set up a new committee to look at ways to increase collaboration, facilitate new mobility or research partnerships and develop a new framework for working together.

A new framework to help facilitate collaboration could also in due course be used by other universities in the UK, Germany and beyond.

Ultimately, we believe it could safeguard our longstanding and productive partnership and form the foundation for supporting fruitful new future multilateral collaborations.

Signed: 15 June 2022