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### **ORUK position statement on intellectual property**

Following the recent publication of AMRC's revised guidelines relating to the protection and exploitation of [intellectual property](#) arising from the research funded by its member charities, the ORUK Board of Trustees decided to fully adopt those recommendations last year. Subsequently, the charity updated its [Standard Academic Agreement](#) for the Universities applying for funding from ORUK.

The updated terms and conditions were published on the ORUK website when the charity first announced its latest research grant call in early January 2019. The applicants were specifically asked to share the updated agreement with their respective research contracts Department and TTO in order to gain their approval prior to full proposal submission.

Last week, representatives from four Universities, namely: Imperial College London, University College London, University of Cambridge and University of Oxford wrote to the AMRC member charities, urging them not to adopt the recommendations promulgated by the AMRC.

The ORUK Board of Trustees has carefully reviewed and examined all the options offered in this letter and still maintains that the AMRC's view is well-considered and balanced, and therefore will not be making any further changes to our January proposal, which we consider is based on best practice across the sector and is in line with AMRC's guidance as published in September 2018.