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INTRODUCTION

The **NWH Research and Knowledge Exchange (RKE) Quarterly Report** provides a regular update on research and KE activity across the institution. It is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather to present a representative overview of the range and diversity of activity being undertaken, while highlighting key initiatives, outputs, and impacts where appropriate.

To ensure consistency and minimise the reporting burden, a single version of the report is prepared and circulated. This acts as a 'single point of truth' that can be shared with confidence across a range of groups and stakeholders, including:

- NWH Research and Knowledge Exchange staff
- NWH Communications Team
- NWH Executive Team
- NWH Board of Management
- UHI Dean of Research and Knowledge Exchange

In addition, specific sections of the report align with the remit of particular NWH Board of Management Committees:

- Finance and General Purposes Committee (KPIs 8-10) – activity reports, outcomes, and outputs
- Learning, Teaching and Research Committee (KPIs 1-7) – research and knowledge exchange activity, outcomes, and impacts

The report will be produced on a quarterly basis according to the following schedule:

Period covered	Circulation
August - October	November
November – January	February
February - April	May
May- July	August

At the Board's request, all activity reports will now include geographic codes to show how activity is distributed across the region (e.g., F = Fort William; S = Stornoway; T = Thurso; B = Benbecula etc).

Key performance indicators (KPIs)

Our **ten KPIs** will be monitored by the **NWH Research and Management Group** and **reported to the Executive and to the Board of Management** through its Learning, Teaching and Research Committee. These will also align with UHI's broader evaluation frameworks. Except for REF 2029, all targets are set for a three-year time horizon, i.e. 2028. A core objective underpinning these KPIs is to contribute to the **long-term financial sustainability** of NWH through enhanced research income, strategic partnerships, and increased impact.

Two scenarios have been identified to guide targets for research and KE:

- **Scenario 1** reflects the current post-merger context, acknowledging the challenges of embedding, initiating, and expanding research and KE activity in a transitional environment. These challenges include constrained staff capacity, evolving institutional structures; increasing financial pressures across the university sector; growing competition for research and KE funding, and declining PGR funding. In this context, maintaining key performance indicators (KPIs) at 2023–24 levels is considered a 'stretch target'.
- **Scenario 2** assumes a more enabling environment, in which institutional conditions, support mechanisms, and organisational culture are more conducive to sustained growth in research and KE. This scenario also assumes modest growth in core university funding and increased availability of external grant funding.

For each scenario, a tailored set of KPIs and targets has been developed to reflect the specific opportunities and constraints of the respective context.

KPI DASHBOARD

KPI	June – Oct 25	Nov 25 – Jan 26	Feb – Apr 26	Scenario 1: Transitional / Constrained Context Targets	Scenario 2: Enabling / Growth- Oriented Context Targets
1. Number of staff recognised as being 'research active'	To be updated following completion of staff survey for Research and KE	To be updated following completion of staff survey for Research and KE	To be updated following completion of staff survey for Research and KE	Maintain at 2023-4 staff survey levels (22)	Increase by 20% relative to 2023-4 staff survey levels (26)
2. Number of staff eligible for inclusion in REF 2029	National REF process delayed: Awaiting guidance on criteria for inclusion (Significant Responsibility for Research and Research Independence - expected Dec. 2025)	17 staff	17 staff UoA7 – 10 staff, UoA25 – 4 staff, UoA26 – 1 staff UoA15 – 2 staff	New metric	New metric
3. Number of staff submitted to REF 2029	Pending: REF 2029 submissions underdevelopment across UHI	Pending: REF 2029 submissions underdevelopment across UHI	Pending: REF 2029 submissions underdevelopment across UHI	Attain (Headcount and Full Time Equivalent) REF 2021 levels (14/12.4)	Increase by 20% above REF 2021 levels (17 / 14.9)
4. PGR student enrolment	23 (UHI Virtual Research Environment data)	21	22	Secure funding for 15 PGRs	Secure funding for 19 PGRs
5. Number of staff involved in PGR supervision	18	18	19	Maintain at 2023-4 staff survey levels (13)	Increase by 20% relative to 2023-4 staff survey levels (15)
6. Number of outputs published in international peer-reviewed journals	17 to date	13	20	Maintain 2023–24 output levels (35)	Increase by 20% above 2023–24 output levels (42)
7. Number of Research and KE projects secured with regional and national partners	54 current	12 new (from July 2025)	22	Maintain 2023-4 levels (50)	Increase by 20% above 2023-4 levels (60)
8. Income from research	2024-25 £1.02M	To be updated in May 2026 (staff recruitment underway)	To be updated in July 2026 (staff handover underway)	Maintain at 2023-4 levels (£1.55 M)	Increase by 20% above 2023-4 levels (£1.86M)
9. Income from KE	2024-25 £0.28M	To be updated in May 2026 (staff recruitment underway)	To be updated in July 2026 (staff handover underway)	Maintain 2023-4 levels (£0.28 M)	Increase by 20% above 2023-4 levels (£0.35M)
10. Income from REF	2024-25 £0.27M	£0.27	£0.27	Not applicable (set until next REF cycle (£0.27 M)	Not applicable (set until next REF cycle (£0.27 M)

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Max 1 page each

Energy: Sustainable energy transitions and environmental interactions
Highlights
• Amy Jones completed a successful field campaign at Dwarwick Pier to use a cooperative drone target to validate a radar-based bird tracking algorithm in the marine environment with the techniques recently accepted for publication in the IET Journal 'Radar Sonar & Navigation'. • Elizabeth Masden travelled to Denmark to examine a PhD thesis at Aarhus University entitled <i>Eyes in the sky: harnessing drone technologies and artificial intelligence for researching seabird ecology</i> • Elizabeth Masden is hosting Prof Saiko Shiraki on sabbatical from the Hokkaido campus of Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI) visiting until 30th September. She will be working to develop methods to assess cumulative impacts of wind farms on eagles in Japan. • Benjamin Williamson served on the scientific committee for the UHI-organised Environmental Interactions of Marine Renewables (EIMR) Conference on 13-17 April 2026 in Oban, with ~100 delegates and international keynotes. Chloe Turner-Dockery presented a poster on a 'New acoustic technology for a combined approach to environment-prey analysis: A calibration methodology'
Current major projects/initiatives (select; with partners + funders) - examples
• NWH(S) Engineering is collaborating with Thekwini College (Durban, SA) to develop a Hydrogen Course for Technicians supported by The British Council. • Christine Anderson and Benjamin Williamson continue to deliver UHI Energy Innovation and the UHI Net Zero Carbon Hub (both KEIF funded). Highlights include a paper arising from a recent Challenge Fund on operational oceanography around offshore wind sites in Scotland, and an upcoming seminar from the Research Director of the UK Islands Centre for Net Zero. Planning is underway for UHI representation at the All-Energy Conference 2026. • Ellen White and Benjamin Williamson completed delivery of the Energy Catalyst project exploring feasibility of wave energy for off-grid communities in Indonesia. • The 3-year KTP with the European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) to advance techniques for environmental monitoring of marine renewable energy continues, with the KTP Associate Harry Simpson completing the second residential training module and continuing data processing.

Pollution:

Mitigating environmental contamination through innovative solutions

Highlights

- Szabolcs Pap has been appointed **as lead for the 'Pollution' theme** and will undertake the role in a development capacity
- Anna McWilliam **successfully submitted her HydroNation-funded PhD thesis** entitled "Innovative brash management to enhance water quality following peatland restoration and forestry operations."
- Szabolcs Pap secured a collaborative research proposal through the **IBioIC Feasibility Fund with Scottish Water and Carbogenics** to test Carbogenics' FilaChar material (an activated-carbon alternative) for pharmaceutical removal at pilot scale. The total project value is £100k.
- Szabolcs Pap submitted a **HORIZON-WIDERA-2026-02-WIDENING-01 (Twinning) proposal** entitled SerBcharAI with the University of Novi Sad and ICRA (Catalan Institute for Water Research), with a total value of €1.5M, of which €350k is allocated to ERI.
- Szabolcs Pap submitted a **Scottish Government Proof of Concept** funding proposal - total value of £120k.
- Neil James was named as a co-lead for Cross-Cutting Theme 2: **AI, Autonomy, and Advanced Sensing** within a UHI proposal submitted to the Leverhulme Centenary Doctoral Scholarships call.
- Neil James has been leading the development of a new collaborative marine plastics project with **Thurso Community Development Trust and Thurso Beach Cleans**. The initiative aims to bring together innovation, community engagement, environmental monitoring, and locally driven action to better understand and address marine plastic pollution in the north Highlands, with partners currently pursuing external funding opportunities.

Current major projects/initiatives (select; with partners + funders) - examples

- Szabolcs Pap and Darlene Russell are developing funding proposals and building strategic support for the **UHI spin-out CassioPeia**, including ongoing engagement with Scottish Enterprise to progress entry into its High Growth Spin-out Programme.
- Szabolcs Pap with Thomas Thompson and Maider Guiu have completed a collaborative research project with **Scottish Water and Carbogenics** to investigate the potential of alternative carbon-based materials for the removal of priority pollutants.
- Current and prospective water-quality contracts include a new two-year **Shetland Aero contract** (7 samples/month, started February); the restarted Coire Glas programme (from April, 14 stream samples/month plus periodic loch sampling, duration ~1 year or longer TBC); the long-term RSPB Islay contract (started January).

Peatlands:

Studying peatland resilience across scales and discipline boundaries

Highlights

- The Peatland team successfully delivers a commissioned report for **Peatland ACTION** reviewing the wider benefits of peatland restoration in Scotland. The reports will be published in late spring 2026
- The Peatland team successfully delivers a commissioned report for **NatureScot on Active peatland** and condition assessment. The report will be published in late spring 2026.
- The Knowledge Transfer Partnership project between **UHI and Highland Distillers** was shortlisted for a Knowledge Exchange Award for “Impact of the local community”.
- The peatland team delivered 2 **short-courses for contractors** on “Introduction to Peatland Restoration”, 2 “GIS for peatland restoration” online course and 1 “Bog Bryophyte for Beginners” courses, all funded through Peatland ACTION
- The Peatland team hosted a group of 12 scientists from UK, Canada, USA, Chile and Norway and 3 UK practitioners during the week of the 20th of April for the “**Global Peat Creep Partnership**” workshop, funded through Roxane Andersen’s NERC Seedcorn funded project and with co-funding from the University of Nottingham “Impact Accelerator” fund.
- Mascha Bischoff secures a **small grant from Peatland ACTION** monitoring fund for a project on Large Heath in forest to bog restoration sites.
- **Knowledge Transfer Partnership with RWE** has delivered the second phase of trial at Golticlay and set up the monitoring.

Current major projects/initiatives (select; with partners + funders) - examples

- NERC Seedcorn project “**Global Peat Creep Partnership**”, (NERC funded, 2026-2028) UHI lead – University of Nottingham co-lead. Initiating and developing a new international network of scientists around the understanding, measurement and modelling of peat creep.
- Developing a **route map for riparian woodland in the Flow Country** (Riverwood Development Grant, 2025-2027)
- **Water Quality monitoring at the river Dyke** (Peatland ACTION Monitoring Grant, 2025-2027)
- **Large Heath Butterfly project** (Peatland ACTION Monitoring Grant, 2026-2028)

Society: Connecting Environment, Economy and Wellbeing to environmental change
Highlights • Lydia Niemi hosted online event with 25 members from the COST Action consortium while the EcoMeds4U proposal is under evaluation by COST Action (decision expected May 21). • Lydia Niemi and Stuart Gibb hosted partners from Uppsala University, Gotland Campus, and the Swedish Medical Products Agency in Inverness (Mar 29-Apr 2), to develop publication and pursue ongoing project activity around sustainable healthcare and environmental pollution • The UHI One Health Knowledge Exchange Sector Group held a successful forum in April in Inverness. The group is jointly chaired by Stuart Gibb & Alistair Kean, and brought together participants from across the UHI partnership, including strong representation from NWH. The event highlighted recent UKRI proposal successes, including PhRESHWater, presented by Lydia Niemi, and PharmaCal, led by Scottish Association for Marine Science. Contributions from partners at Uppsala University supported wider discussions on strengthening and embedding One Health research, knowledge exchange, and teaching across UHI. • Neil James coordinated NHIC Task Force meetings with partners including NRS Dounreay, HIE, Focus North, Highland Council and the North Highland Chamber of Commerce, focusing on project scope, regional strengths, governance, opportunity mapping and alignment with wider regional regeneration activity.
Current major projects/initiatives (select; with partners + funders) - examples • The One Health Breakthrough Partnership project FY 2025-26 ended in March. Ongoing engagement with partners at SEPA, Scottish Water, Scotland's Centre of Expertise for Waters, NHS Highland to pursue coordination funding for FY 2026-27. • The Scottish Water funded project "One Health Approach to the recast Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive" is ongoing (£60k), interim report produced on prescription analysis and stakeholder engagement • The North Highland Innovation Centre (NHIC) project (NDA/NRS Dounreay via Focus North) continued through scoping and development activity. Activity focused on partner coordination, shared values development, regional capability mapping, stakeholder engagement, opportunity scanning and preparation for future business case and scoping work with regional partners including NRS Dounreay, HIE, Highland Council, Focus North, UHI NWH and the North Highland Chamber of Commerce. NHIC project development activity progressed alignment with wider Thurso regeneration and infrastructure planning through ongoing engagement with the Thurso Transformation Delivery Group (TTDG), including consideration of links to future skills, infrastructure and innovation ecosystem development.

Tourism: Cultural heritage and responsible tourism; Slow adventure and well-being and Tourism innovation and rural enterprise
Highlights • Katie Murray and Steve Taylor are working with UHI Shetland on a new £25,000 project funded through the Islands Growth Deal's TalenTed programme, to develop heritage interpretation on the island of Bressay. • Kendra Turnbull and Katie Murray have secured KE Tourism challenge funding for the Keeping Nether Lochaber On the Map initiative to provide training and a heritage layer to a previously created local map. • Steve Taylor co-hosted a KE Tourism-funded workshop on Age and Dementia Inclusive Golf, in association with EO staff, at the Dornoch campus on April 21st. • Kendra Turnbull and Steve Taylor entertained Finnish researchers on a learning journey to inform development of a new touring route in southern Finland. • Katie Murray delivered two training sessions on how to gather, edit and publish audio stories to the Nether Lochaber Community Association on the 26th March and 30th April.
Current major projects/initiatives (select; with partners + funders) - examples • Steve Taylor attended the final project meeting of the Healthy Young Minds Medical Research Council-funded project, that co-produced a nature-based intervention to support the mental well-being of young people living in remote and rural areas, in which UHI was a partner. • Katie Murray is leading a systematic literature review for the Arts and Humanities Council-funded Rural Health Equity project, which is exploring how the use of community assets, such as museums, can help with people's well-being. • Steve Taylor has been undertaking resident interviews on perspectives of living, working and recreating in Lochaber, for the Uk Research and Innovation project <i>JUST TOUR</i> exploring the 'injustices' of tourism.

Other
Highlights • Africa-UK physics partnership collaborative projects (AUPP) UKRI bid successful with University of Edinburgh. To run for two years from 1 April 2026 (Eddy Graham) https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/africa-uk-physics-partnership-collaborative-projects-2025/ • Eddy Graham took part (presentation, mentoring) in Development in Africa with Radio Astronomy (DARA) annual meeting with African students from across eight different African countries at Cradle Moon nature reserve, Johannesburg, South Africa, 21-28 March 2026 https://www.dara-project.org/

OUTPUTS

All themes and activity

Peer-reviewed publications Citation with NWH authors in bold	Journal Impact Factor
Lampela, M., Renou-Wilson, F., Andersen, R. , Wilson, D., Artz, R.R., Clilverd, H., Turunen, J., Tolvanen, A., Maanavilja, L. and Laine, A.M., 2026. Northern peatlands in transition in the 21st Century—land use, status, policies and future trajectories: comparisons between Finland, Ireland and Scotland. <i>Environmental Management</i> , 76(3), p.73.	3.0
J. McIlvenny , L. Thomas, B.J. Williamson (2026). Comparison of reanalysis datasets with historical wave buoy data in northern Scottish waters. <i>Journal of Operational Oceanography</i> . http://doi.org/10.1080/1755876X.2026.2619298	2.4
Coha, I., Bošković, N., Vodenik, B., Pap, S. , Turk Sekulic, M., Logar, J.K., 2026. Highly efficient and nature-based removal of radionuclides from environmental water. <i>International Journal of Environmental Science and Technology</i> , 23(4), p.308.	3.4
Pap, S., Thompson, T. , Gronbjerg, P.J., Kennedy, T., Cakin, I., Taggart, M.A. , 2026. Pilot-scale phosphate recovery with biosolids biochar: Performance, phosphorus bioavailability and biochar quality assessment. <i>Separation and Purification Technology</i> , p.137760.	9.0
Meyer, F., Pap, S. , Zhang, H., James, N.A. , Boyd, K.G., Taggart, M.A. , 2026. Metal association and bioaccessibility in rope-derived fibrous microplastics from remote coastal environments of Northern Scotland. <i>Marine Environmental Research</i> , p.107974.	3.2
Cargill, C. P., McCoy, K. D., Scott, B. E., Masden, E.A. , Miller, J., Ruffino, L. & Payo-Payo, A., (2026) Past Colony Connectivity of a declining seabird derived from host-parasite genetic data. <i>Ecology and Evolution</i> 16,3.	2.3
Buckingham, L., Masden, E.A. , Layton-Matthews, K., Bringsvor, I. S., Bråthen, V. S., Dehnhard, N., Fauchald, P., Lorentsen, S., Reiertsen, T. K., Searle, K. R., Tarroux, A. & Christensen-Dalsgaard, S. 2026 An individual-based model to quantify the non-breeding season impact of wind farms on seabirds. <i>Ecological Solutions and Evidence</i> . 7, 1, e70196.	2.6

Book chapters
Bartle, RS 2025, Donald (Don) W. McClure. in J Whytock (ed.), <i>A Survey of Presbyterian Mission History in Africa: Modern Beginnings (c.1940s to c.2020s)</i> . 1 edn, vol. 2, Wellington, South Africa, pp. 548-551.

Conference/event presentations	Poster / podium / invited
Eddy Graham presented “ <i>Threads across the Ocean: How oceans, rivers, waterways and the fur trade connected northern Canada and northern Scotland during the age of the Hudson Bay Company</i> ” at the 8 th St. Magnus conference, Perth, Scotland (15-17 April 2026), co-author with Prof. Vicky Slonosky , University, Montreal, Canada	Podium
Eddy Graham delivered an <u>invited talk</u> to the Irish Meteorological Society on “ <i>Clouds: How to Identify Nature’s Most Fleeting Forms</i> ” on 30 April 2026 in the Custom House, Dublin (Ireland)	Invited talk
Hereward Proops (UHI NWH) presented at Game Therapy UK conference at UCL 24 th April 2026.	podium
Szabolcs Pap presented on Industrial Biotechnology (IB) capability across the wider UHI at the IB Champions Workshop in Edinburgh on 5 February.	podium
Szabolcs Pap served as a session moderator at the Global Biochar Commercialisation Summit in London on 3–4 March.	invited
Szabolcs Pap participated in IBioIC26 - BioSolutions for Tomorrow’s World in Glasgow on 10–11 March, delivering a BioFactor pitch and presenting the CassioPeia spin-out project.	podium
Szabolcs Pap participated in the BioFactor competition at the IBioIC Annual Conference, delivering a three-minute pitch on the CassioPeia spin-out project.	Pitch
Steve Taylor, in collaboration with colleagues at the University of Glasgow, co-led a session at the Scottish Community Tourism conference in Glasgow on March 5-6 th .	Conference session
Katie Murray and Kelly Morrison co-presented ‘Living maps, Living communities: Digital mapping and evolving Scottish Identities’ at the Mapping Identities Conference on the 10 th February.	Online presentation
Kelly Morrison presented ‘The Sea as Exile and Belonging: Women’s Stories of Scotland’s Coasts’ at the St Magnus Conference on the 15 th April.	Podium

Media coverage

Finalists announced for Herald Education Awards 2026

[Finalists announced for Herald Education Awards 2026 | The Herald](#)

Outstanding Contribution from a Staff Member: UHI North, West and [Hebrides](#) - Professor Stuart Gibb

Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community: UHI North, West and Hebrides (UHI NWH) - "For Peats Sake"

And:

UHI partnership celebrates five finalists in Herald Education Awards 2026

[News - UHI partnership celebrates five finalists in Herald Education Awards 2026- UHI Orkney](#)

Jamie MacManaway, *As Bolivia's glaciers melt, new lakes threaten mountain communities*. The Conversation [20-3-26] <<https://theconversation.com/as-bolivias-glaciers-melt-new-lakes-threaten-mountain-communities-277678>>

Jamie MacManaway, *Deglaciation and Disasters in a Warming World*. The Geographer [Spring 2026] <https://issuu.com/rsgspubs/docs/the_geographer_the_cryosphere_spring_2026_/17>

Stornoway Gazette, 13.03.2026 UHI North, West and Hebrides are exploring solutions to a growing textile waste crisis in the Western Isles (print only)

The Herald, 24.03.2026 [New exhibition to explore Scottish roots of Sri Lanka's tea industry | The Herald](#)

UHI North, West and Hebrides, 24.03.2026 [Time for tea in Sri Lanka at UHI North, West and Hebrides](#)

John O'Groats Journal, 26.03.2026 ['I'm doing it because I love this landscape': Flow Country peatland professor aims to complete second 100km run through blanket bog](#)

UHI North, West and Hebrides, 26.03.2026 [UHI North, West and Hebrides are exploring solutions to a growing textile waste crisis in the Western Isles](#)

UHI North, West and Hebrides, 30.03.2026 [UHI North, West and Hebrides research brings clean energy closer for Indonesia's island communities](#)

John O'Groats Journal, 31.03.2026 [Researchers in Thurso with UHI North, West and Hebrides helping to bring clean energy to Indonesian island communities](#) (additionally in print on 10.04.2026)

John O'Groats Journal, 02.04.2026 [Caithness broch build moves a dram sight closer!](#)

The Inverness Courier, 16.02.26. [Highland 19th century figure who shaped modern Inverness to be celebrated in major project.](#)

RESEARCH AND KE FUNDING APPLICATIONS

A summary of applications contributing to the NWH Research and Knowledge Exchange (RKE) **pipeline** is provided in the table below.

Notes:

- New proposals submitted during this reporting period are listed from line 528 onwards.
- The status of pending proposals is **dynamic**; the table reflects the position as of 14/05/2026.
- Proposals under negotiation, or those subject to resubmission, may be subject to changes in value.
- Proposals valued at less than £5k are not included.
- Intervention rates vary by project, as does the monthly euro conversion rate applied to EU projects.

Number	Proposal	Theme	Overall project value	NWH component	% likelihood of success	Duration	Funder	Status
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Updates

applications submitted June 2025 to October 2025								
495	Challenge fund One Health	SOCIETY	9,710.00	4,855.00	100	1	KE Water Challenge	secured
496	Tourism in Cambodia	TOURISM	57,000.00	57,000.00	50	18	Oxfam Cambodia	secured
497	Bressay Heritage Centre	TOURISM	27,500.00	9,052.00	100	17	Interface IV	overtaken by TalenTed bid
498	Tea Plantations in Sri Lanka	TOURISM	9,744.00	4,872.00	50	12	British Council	secured
499	Woodlands in flow country peatlands	PEATLANDS	22,000.00	19,609.00	20	18	Riverwoods development grant	secured
500	One Health, Pharma and rUWWTD	SOCIETY	57,753.00	57,753.00	50	12	Scottish Water	secured
501	Reactive media for P removal	POLLUTION	75,000.00	75,000.00	25	12	scottish enterprise	awaiting outcome
502	Sewage sludge to biochar_fellowship	POLLUTION	1,750,000.00	1,750,000.00	10	60	ERC Europe	unsuccessful
503	Regional ecosystem monitoring	ENERGY	315,000.00	75,000.00	50	6	DEFRA	not submitted
504	Stories of the sea	TOURISM	1,500,000.00	377,000.00	10	36	AHRC responsive mode	awaiting outcome
505	Offshore wind environmental monitoring	ENERGY	4,500,000.00	620,000.00	10	48	Horizon Europe	not submitted
506	A FiresNET	PEATLANDS	3,000,000.00	130,000.00	10	48	Horizon Europe	unsuccessful
507	Marine train	ENERGY	480,000.00	80,000.00	10	48	EPSRC	not submitted
508	Viking PhD	ENERGY	150,000.00	150,000.00	50	48	Industry	under development
509	One health and antibiotics_cross border	SOCIETY	1,500,000.00	40,000.00	10	60	UKRI transdisciplinary	unsuccessful
510	Legacy of Tea Plantations _additional funding	TOURISM	52,300.00	52,300.00	25	24	TUI storytelling theatre	awaiting outcome
511	Advancing peatland geotech collaboration	PEATLANDS	5,000.00	750.00	10	3	RSC small grant	unsuccessful
512	Birds as vectors of plastic	POLLUTION	130,000.00	130,000.00	25	42	Ecowild	unsuccessful
513	Peatland evolution	PEATLANDS	10,000.00	7,500.00	10	24	RSE research collaboration	unsuccessful
514	Eco hydro effects of pine spread	PEATLANDS	130,000.00	130,000.00	25	42	Ecowild Doctoral Programme	awaiting outcome

applications submitted Nov 2025 to Jan 2026								
515	Regenerative Economic Transfers for Universal Resilience in the North (RETURN)	TOURISM	1,600,000.00	3,565.00	80	44	Knowledge Exchange Tourism Challenge Fund	secured
516	The legacy of Scottish entrepreneurship on the tea plantations of Sri Lanka	TOURISM	3,420.00	3,420.00	70	6	Knowledge Exchange Tourism Challenge Fund	secured
517	Keeping Nether Lochaber 'on the map': facilitating community-led destination management	TOURISM	2,511.00	2,511.00	90	5	Knowledge Exchange Tourism Challenge Fund	secured
518	Achieving resilience for storm petrels in the Summer Isles	ENERGY	250,000.00	13,997.97	10	24	Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund (SMEEF)	not submitted
519	SMART-SLICK: Rapid AI + Multi-Sensor Remote Sensing and Drift Forecasting for Seabird Exposure Risk	POLLUTION	60,000.00	45,000.00	20	24	R&D Award - ITOFF	unsuccessful
520	Peatland ACTION - Reviewing the wider benefits of restored peatlands in Scotland	PEATLANDS	28,595.00	15,675.00	25	5	Peatland ACTION	secured
521	Youth Futures	SOCIETY	6984	3,274.00	TBC	5	KE Challenge calls for Community and Land and Net Zero	under development
522	Feasibility study for pharmaceutical removal with FilaChar from water	POLLUTION	85,000.00	50,000.00	40	6	IBoC	secured
523	Remote tracking of seabirds at sea (Phases 4 & 5)	ENERGY	1,915,375.00	159,761.00	10	36	OWEC	awaiting outcome
524	Africa-UK physics partnership collaborative projects: Astronomy in East Africa	SOCIETY	300,000.00	13,911.00	25	24	UKRI	secured
525	Research to Value Enabling Fund for CassioPeia	POLLUTION	5,000.00	5,000.00	70	2	Skillfluence	secured
526	POINT AND SANDWICK ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION PROJECT	TOURISM	37,500.00	37,500.00	50	3	Point and Sandwick Trust; The Innovation Voucher Scheme	secured
527	NatureScot Tender: Active peatland and peatland condition	PEATLANDS	10,000.00	8,300.00	25	3	NatureScot Tender: Direct invitation to tender	secured

New proposals in this reporting period

applications submitted Feb 2026 to Apr 2026								
528	Reimagining Bressay Heritage: Interactive Storytelling and Innovation	TOURISM	25,000.00	5,921.00	25	9	TalEntEd Islands	secured
529	Phosphorus Under a Low-carbon Sustainable Era: Technology-Enabled Circularity for Healthy Waters (PULSE-TECH)	POLLUTION	2,000,000.00	TBC	10	48	UKRI	second stage
530	AI-Enhanced Biochar Hub for Soil Health, Contaminant Control and Climate Action in Serbia	POLLUTION	Up to 1299667.00	268,597.00	20	36	European Research Executive Agency	awaiting outcome
531	Marine Plastics Repair & Reuse Initiative	POLLUTION, SOCIETY	£50 000	TBC	15	12	Highland Council	under development
532	Charting Corpach: Interactive and Stylised Maps for the Marina	TOURISM	3,672.00	3,672.00	90	3	Knowledge Exchange Challenge Fund	awaiting outcome
533	From pollutant to resource: Proof-of-Concept validation of the CassioPeia phosphorus recovery technology	POLLUTION	125,000.00	120,000.00	50	8	Research commercialisation - Proof of Concept Fund 2026-2027	awaiting outcome
534	PrimeTime for the Most Drought Resistant Mosses	PEATLANDS	2,000,000.00	264,000.00	10	24	ARIA	awaiting outcome

APPENDIX: STAFF BY LOCATION

Staff Contributor	Location
Andersen, Roxane	Thurso
Anderson, Christine	Inverness
Bartle, Roy	Stornoway
Bischoff, Mascha	Thurso
Gibb, Stuart	Thurso
Godwin, Liam	Thurso
Graham, Eddy	Stornoway
James, Neil	Thurso
Jamie MacManaway	Fort William
Kean, Alistair	Inverness
Masden, Elizabeth	Thurso
McIlvenny, Jason	Thurso
Morrison, Kelly	Fort William
Murray, Katie	Fort William
Niemi, Lydia	Thurso
Pap, Szabolcs	Thurso
Proops, Hereward	Stornoway
Russell, Darlene	Inverness
Simpson, Harry	Thurso (Orkney)
Taggart, Mark	Thurso
Taylor, Steve	Fort William
Thompson, Thomas	Thurso
Turnbull, Kendra	Fort William
White, Ellen	Thurso
Williamson, Benjamin	Thurso

PGR Contributor	Location
Amy Jones	Thurso
Anna McWilliam	Thurso
Chloe Turner-Dockery	Thurso