



University
of Glasgow

ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTRE RESIDENT SURVEY MARCH 2025

AIM:

- DEVELOP A BASELINE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW ARC IS ENABLING OR ADDING VALUE TO RESIDENTS' RESEARCH
- GAIN INSIGHT ON WHAT IS WORKING WELL, AS WELL AS AREAS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

113 RESPONDENTS

OVER 70% WERE ACADEMICS

**OVER 80% CONSIDERED THE ARC
THEIR PRIMARY WORKSPACE**

92% OF RESPONDENTS VALUE BEING IN THE ARC

Has your residency at the ARC enabled or contributed to you being (N/A)

- explore **new disciplines** or **areas of research**
- **work** with colleagues across **different disciplines**
- Gained **insights** or **new ideas** on how to tackle challenges
- make new or useful **connections** or **collaborations**
- access **skills** or **knowledge** that would otherwise be unavailable
- access **facilities** or **equipment** that would otherwise be unavailable
- use **new technologies** to help develop your research activities
- increase your likelihood of **promotion**
- create **employment opportunities**
- attract **new grants** or **funding** that would previously have
- catalyse the **'real-world' impact** of your work (economic
- deliver new **research outputs** through ARC collaboration
- peer-reviewed papers, book chapters, patents, exhibitions
- policy briefs, public lectures, reports etc

Please can you share some brief points or examples of how your work [free text]. You may wish to consider some of the above in different ways – let us know! We may follow up with you for further

ALL RESPONDENTS CONFIRMED THE ARC HAS ENABLED OR CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR WORK IN SOME WAY, WITH 82% STRONGLY AGREEING IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE CATEGORIES WE ASKED ABOUT.

SINCE OPENING IN 2022...

% AGREE THAT THE ARC HAS ENABLED / CONTRIBUTED TO:

90%

WORK WITH
COLLEAGUES
ACROSS DIFFERENT
DISCIPLINES

86%

GAIN INSIGHTS OR
NEW IDEAS ON
HOW TO TACKLE
CHALLENGES

61%

ATTRACT NEW
GRANTS OR
FUNDING THAT
WOULD HAVE BEEN
OUT OF REACH

89%

ACCESS SKILLS OR
KNOWLEDGE THAT
WOULD
OTHERWISE BE
UNAVAILABLE

75%

ACCESS FACILITIES
OR EQUIPMENT
THAT WOULD
OTHERWISE BE
UNAVAILABLE

56%

DELIVER NEW
RESEARCH OUTPUTS
THROUGH ARC
COLLABORATIONS

ENHANCED CONNECTIONS...

The ARC has enlivened my research massively in small and big ways. New connections have had all sorts of ripple effects. Existing relationships have been strengthened. Working physically closer to colleagues that had been scattered across campus has facilitated greater collaboration.

The open plan working and inclusivity of events has provided an opportunity to broaden my network.

Being in an environment in which I meet colleagues from other Colleges/disciplines has been incredibly beneficial. Conversations happen day-to-day, I can seek advice, I hear about activities/proposals I might not otherwise.

It has made interaction with other teams significantly easier, friendlier, and more productive, and I think has really contributed to the "water cooler effect" of enabling chance conversations that help solve a problem or develop novel initiatives.

ENABLED NEW ENDEAVOURS...

The ARC has added significant value to our research & also enabled cross-disciplinary working and diversification of output.

I greatly value the leadership of the ARC across both academic and professional services colleagues, who are working creatively to build new possibilities for research.

I have been able to attract major global companies as external partners as a result of them visiting the ARC

Facilitation of collaboration with colleagues from other Schools and Colleges, leading to four major UKRI funding applications - 2 successful, 1 currently under consideration and another currently being developed.

By its nature, it has drawn a critical mass of people who I feel are on the same page in terms of appetite for change and optimism and enthusiasm for trying something different; where institutional and sector issues are recognised but not simply complained about but enthusiastically responded to.

ENHANCED ENVIRONMENT & FACILITIES...

Access to Research Professional colleagues for support and guidance when applying for funding - this has been invaluable.”

Being an ARC resident gives me access to wonderful facilities for everything from senior stakeholder and partner meetings to community co-development and creative activities.

I Working alongside my key collaborators in a building where there are a range of workspaces conducive to creative post disciplinary working,

As a site of key research centres, it has made multi-disciplinary collaboration so much easier. The environment is absolutely suited to generating new ideas, methods and approaches

Ability to accommodate expensive specialist equipment and manage a cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research team of 10 staff in a major innovation project.

IN THE LAST YEAR AT THE ARC...

96%

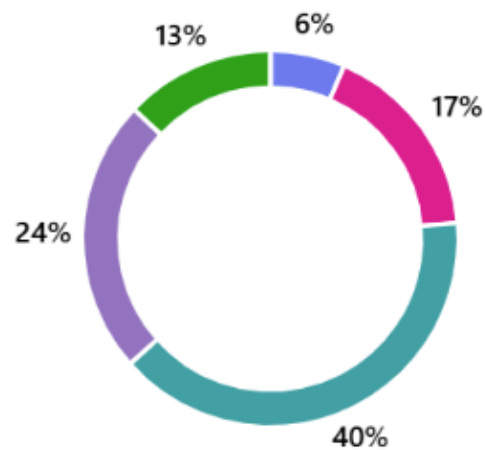
HAVE ATTENDED
EVENTS

65%

HAVE ORGANISED
OR HOSTED
EVENTS

39%

HAVE ATTENDED
AN 'ARC
CONVERSATION'



- I haven't seen them advertised, but would attend
- Event topics are not relevant to me
- I would like to but don't have time or have to prioritise other work
- Logistical barriers such as timing / location prevent me
- Other

6

16

37

22

12

OF THOSE
WHO HAVEN'T

AREAS TO WORK ON:

TOILETS! (AND
DISHWASHERS)

RECOGNITION OF
ARC ACTIVITY IN
SCHOOLS AND
COLLEGES

INPUT FROM ALL
CAREER STAGES &
DISCIPLINES USEFUL
TO SHAPE CULTURE

SOME RESIDENTS
DON'T FEEL
SUPPORTED AT
THE ARC

MORE
STRUCTURED
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NETWORKING

MORE INFO NEEDED
ABOUT RESEARCH
SUCCESES AND
OPPORTUNITIES

UNDERSTANDING
OF THE VISION
AND AIMS COULD
BE BETTER

RESIDENT GUIDE /
COMPREHENSIVE
SENSE OF ARC
ACTIVITY

"I JUST LIKE IT AS A
BUILDING TO WORK
IN - DECENT COFFEE,
NICE VIEWS"

IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFO ON HOW THESE AREAS ARE BEING TAKEN FORWARD OR TO DISCUSS ANY OF THESE THEMES, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER: LAURA.BELL@GLASGOW.AC.UK

NEXT STEPS...

- RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY
- UofG STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT / PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITY
- LEADERSHIP COMMS
- COLLATE & COMMUNICATE SUCCESS STORIES & OPPORTUNITIES
- REFRESH – 3 YRS ON...
 - VISION | AIMS | PURPOSE
 - ‘HOW TO’ ACCESS ARC
 - RESIDENT CHARTER
 - SHOWCASE RESEARCH
- PRIORITISE AND PLAN EVENT PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT ARC AIMS

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