

# Monthly Membership Update

Special Edition | A New Chapter

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## Introducing HERSA

Shaped by consultation with our members and wider community, we're preparing to launch our new name, the Higher Education **Research Security** Association. This milestone represents not only where we are today, but how we are evolving to anticipate the needs of an ever-changing landscape into the future.

### Why We're Changing Our Name

This change reflects the broader scope we have been working across for some time, empowering our community to navigate not only export control regulations, but the wider research and economic security agenda.

### What Happens Next?

The official launch will take place in **February**, marked by an online **HERSA Launch Event** for our members. This session will be an opportunity to come together to explore the transition and establish HERSA's vision and mission.

**Member-informed. Future-focused.**

## The same brand, refreshed

While our name is evolving, our visual identity will remain the one you know and trust. You'll spot our new logo below.

# HERSA

The Higher Education  
Research Security Association

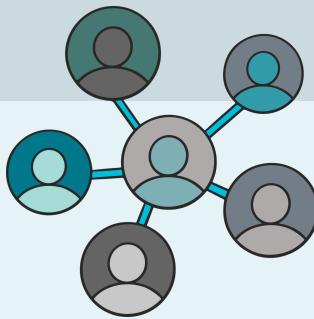
# What's to come in our next chapter

## Trusted Research, Education & Innovation Security Hub

Building on early conversations with members last year, development of the **HERSA Trusted Research, Education and Innovation Security (TREIS) Hub** is now moving forward.

After an initial period of preparatory work behind the scenes, **we'll shortly share details on how members can join the TREIS working group** to help inform, design and shape the first national hub of its kind.

**We're also excited to soon announce the key commercial collaborations that will help underpin and support this project!**



## 5th Annual Conference 2026

This year's conference is set to take place on **Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th June 2026**. As always, the event will offer an opportunity for members to connect, share best practice and explore the latest developments across the sector.

**Registration details will be released in due course**, so keep an eye out for the announcement and further information on how to book your place. **Location to be announced shortly!**



## Expanding Our International Collaboration with Team Canada

We're pleased to be developing closer international collaboration with our counterparts in Canada. This includes mutual participation in each other's flagship events, with a delegation from Team Canada joining our Annual Conference in June and HERSA contributing to the Canadian Research Security Conference taking place in May.

**We'll also be launching an opportunity for a small number of community members to attend the Canadian conference, with places supported by HERSA.** Further details will be shared soon!



We are on [LinkedIn](#). To help grow our page and the wider network, follow us and keep up to date with the latest news and events!



## Trusted Research eLearning Beta Launching Soon

As noted in our end-of-year update, development of the Trusted Research eLearning package in collaboration with NPSA, is still **on track for a Beta release in Q1 2026**.

Informed by sector engagement, the course is being designed to meet the practical needs of the community.

The Beta phase will offer members early access to test the course and provide feedback to help shape the final version.

**More information on how to participate will be shared in due course.**



## Our 2026 Events and Training Calendar

Following our Secretariat Away Day in October, we shared plans to develop a **full and ambitious events and training calendar for 2026**.

Work is now well underway and **the calendar will be released shortly** after the official launch of HERSA, **outlining the programme of activity** and opportunities for members in the year ahead.

We look forward to sharing more details, which will be announced on our website and through direct communications with members!



## New Vacancies

### Heriot-Watt University (4 roles) - Trusted Research and Secure Innovation (TReSI) Network:

Project Manager (Part-time) - [Apply now](#)

Business Analyst - [Apply now](#)

Technical Specialist - [Apply now](#)

Communications & Engagement Officer (Part-time) - [Apply now](#)

Closing date: 11.59 GMT | 10th February 2026

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