

REF 2021 TIMELINE

NATIONAL TIMELINE

2019

EXETER'S SUPPORTING ACTIONS

JANUARY

Publication of final:

- Guidance on submissions
- Panel criteria
- Guidance on codes of practice
- Appointment of additional EDAP members

SPRING

Institutions intending to make submissions to the REF submit their codes of practice; invitation to request multiple submissions, case studies requiring security clearance, and exceptions to submission for small units (staggered deadlines in May, September and December 2019); beta versions of the submission system will be available in both test and live environments for institutions to use

JANUARY

Final guidance published

21 JANUARY

Deadline for staff information requested from the UoAs / DoRs via the RS & DC BPs

BY FEBRUARY

Research Services to share modelled Staff FTE with DoRs

MARCH-JUNE

Outputs: External review process for outputs

MAY

Environment: Discussions regarding information collection

25 APRIL

Impact: case study deadline for the 2019 Impact Review Panel

MAY

Independent researchers: Lists of independent researchers sent to DoRs and BPs to review and return by 10 June

Outputs: REF team to share analysis / different output submission models

JUNE

Environment: workshops by Panel

MAY-JUNE

Impact: Impact Case study review by internal 2019 Impact Review Panel.

Environment: Environment statement workshops.

MAY-JULY

DoRs with ADRs to consider different output profiles, identify key concerns and models to discuss at RM19

JUNE

Exeter Code of Practice submitted to REF

JUNE

Outputs: modelling tool shared with all UoAs

JUNE/JULY

Impact: scores/comments with scores included in the model

JULY

Independent researcher: Independent researcher forms released

31 JULY

Environment: Submit draft environment statement for RM19.

JULY-SEPTEMBER

DoRs with ADRs to agree which staff will be returned to which UoA; agree which cohorts of staff / individual members of staff on boundaries of UoAs require discussion. DoRs with ADRs to consider feedback from review panels, Impact and Environmental and take some initial decisions and identify key concerns for discussion at RM19.

AUTUMN

Pilot of the REF submission system; survey of submissions intentions opens; proposed date for inviting reduction requests for staff circumstances

DECEMBER

Survey of submissions intentions complete; final deadline for requests for multiple sub-missions, case studies requiring security clearance, and exceptions to submission for small units; publication of approved codes of practice

EARLY 2020

Formal release of the submission systems and accompanying technical guidance; invitation to institutions to make submissions; invitation to nominate panel members and assessors for the assessment phase; deadline for staff circumstances requests

MID 2020

Appointment of additional members and assessors to panels

31 JULY

Census date for staff; end of assessment period (for research impacts, the research environment, and data about research income and research doctoral degrees awarded)

SEPTEMBER

Research Monitoring 2019 (RM19) meetings. Discuss readiness of the UoA for REF2021 submission and current challenges, risks and opportunities

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

RM19 meeting discussion of readiness of UoA for REF2021 submission

OCTOBER 2019-APRIL 2020

Outputs: Further output nominations where required, including by new staff. Internal and external review to be undertaken on an ad-hoc basis

NOVEMBER

Deadline for UoAs to share their Intention to Submit Survey

2 DECEMBER

Deadline for ICS requiring additional work after the 2019 Impact Review Panel and progress report from Dols on all other ICS

DECEMBER

Exeter Code of Practice published by REF; Response to Intentions to Submit submitted by 6th December; submissions of responses to Intention to Submit survey which is likely to include FTE by research areas.

31 JANUARY

Deadline for revised Environment Templates

FEBRUARY

Environment Review Panel

FEBRUARY

Eligibility Review Group meet to consider eligibility

1 APRIL

Deadline for all draft ICS, evidence and contextual data

MAY

Impact: 2020 Impact Panel Review

1 JUNE

Outputs: Confirm near-final list of REF outputs with the draft additional information required (eg 100 word descriptions etc)

Environment: submit revised draft environment statement template for RM20

JUNE 2020

Research Monitoring 2020 (RM2020) meetings.

31 JULY

Staff census date / impact activity deadline / PGR award deadline

30 SEPTEMBER

Outputs: Submission of final list of staff and outputs (with contextual data)

Impact: final drafts of impact case studies Environment: final drafts of environment templates.

Environment: Submit final version of the environment statement

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27 NOVEMBER 2020

Full REF2021 submission deadline

DECEMBER

REF2021 Audit period begins

31 DECEMBER

End of publication period (cut-off point for publication of research outputs, and for outputs underpinning impact case studies)

■ **29 JANUARY**

Impact: Impact evidence submission

■ **DECEMBER**

REF2021 results shared

2021

29 JANUARY 2021

Deadline for providing further details for outputs pending publication; redacted versions of impact case studies; and corroborating evidence held for impact case studies

NOVEMBER

REF2021 Audit period is completed

DECEMBER

Publication of outcomes

2022

SPRING

Publication of submissions, panel overview reports and sub-profiles