

REF2021 timeline

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2020

ULSTER'S SUPPORTING ACTIONS

31 JULY 2020

- REF Exercise recommences
 - Census date for staff
- End of assessment period for the environment for supporting and enabling impact, and data about research income and research doctoral degrees awarded

31 JULY 2020

Finalise list of SRR staff to be submitted

SEPTEMBER 2020

- Update of REF Submission System to take account of changes in the guidance as a result of COVID
- Contextual data (based on journal category but not UoA) for the submission phase will be available from Research England, for years 2014 – 2019

SEPTEMBER 2020

- Research Performance Team to test import of UoA Submissions from PURE to REF Submission System
- HESA staff return deadline (to include SRR status of all staff)
- Upload of 2019/20 PhD Completions data to PURE REF Module
- Research Performance to make the contextual data available to RDs

AUTUMN 2020

- Appointment of additional members and assessors to panels
- A summary of responses to the survey on proposed mitigations to be published
- Release of further detailed guidance about making submissions, including on the submission of physical outputs

AUTUMN 2020

- Upload of 2019/20 REF Income data for 2019/20 to PURE REF Module
- Mock Faculty REF Exercises to be conducted using REF Submission System
- Carry out equalities impact assessment

2 NOVEMBER 2020

Deadline for submission of requests for an output reduction in UoAs affected by major unforeseen events

by 6 NOVEMBER 2020

Funding bodies' review of contingency arrangements

31 DECEMBER 2020

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

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JANUARY 2021

REF outputs locked down in PURE (RDs to have read-only access with any subsequent changes to be routed through the PURE team)

FEBRUARY 2021

Final read and refinement of submissions before sign-off by ADRIs/RDs

RDs to submit impact case study evidence

24 MARCH 2021 – FINAL SUBMISSION

Ulster University's FINAL submission date (one week before REF deadline)

31 MARCH 2021 (Midday)

- REF Closing Date for Submissions