REF2021 timeline

**NATIONAL TIMELINE**

**2020**

**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

**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

**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

**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

**ULSTER’S SUPPORTING ACTIONS**

**2020**

**31 JULY 2020**
Finalise list of SRR staff to be submitted

**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**
- 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
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