

# REF2021

# timeline



## NATIONAL TIMELINE

## 2019

## ULSTER'S SUPPORTING ACTIONS

### January

Publication of final  
[Guidance on submissions](#)  
[Panel Criteria](#)  
[Guidance on codes of practice](#)  
[Appointment of additional EDAP members](#)

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Dissemination of final  
[Guidance on submissions](#)  
[Panel Criteria](#)  
[Guidance on codes of practice](#)

[SRR Trilaterals to identify](#)  
[Cat A submitted staff](#)

### February

University-wide consultation on  
draft REF Code of Practice

Impact Case Study  
Internal Review

### March

Fast Track Impact Workshop on  
REF2021 delivered to RDs and  
ICS authors

## Spring/Summer

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

## May

Mock 1 REF Exercise (early May)

## June

Submit final Code of Practice

## Autumn

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

Start work on potential requests for staff circumstances

Submit response detailing the number of UoAs Ulster will be submitting to, together with the estimated number of staff per UoA

## December

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

# 2020

## Early 2020

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

## March

Submit requests for staff circumstances

Invite and encourage staff to seek nomination to the role of panel member and assessor

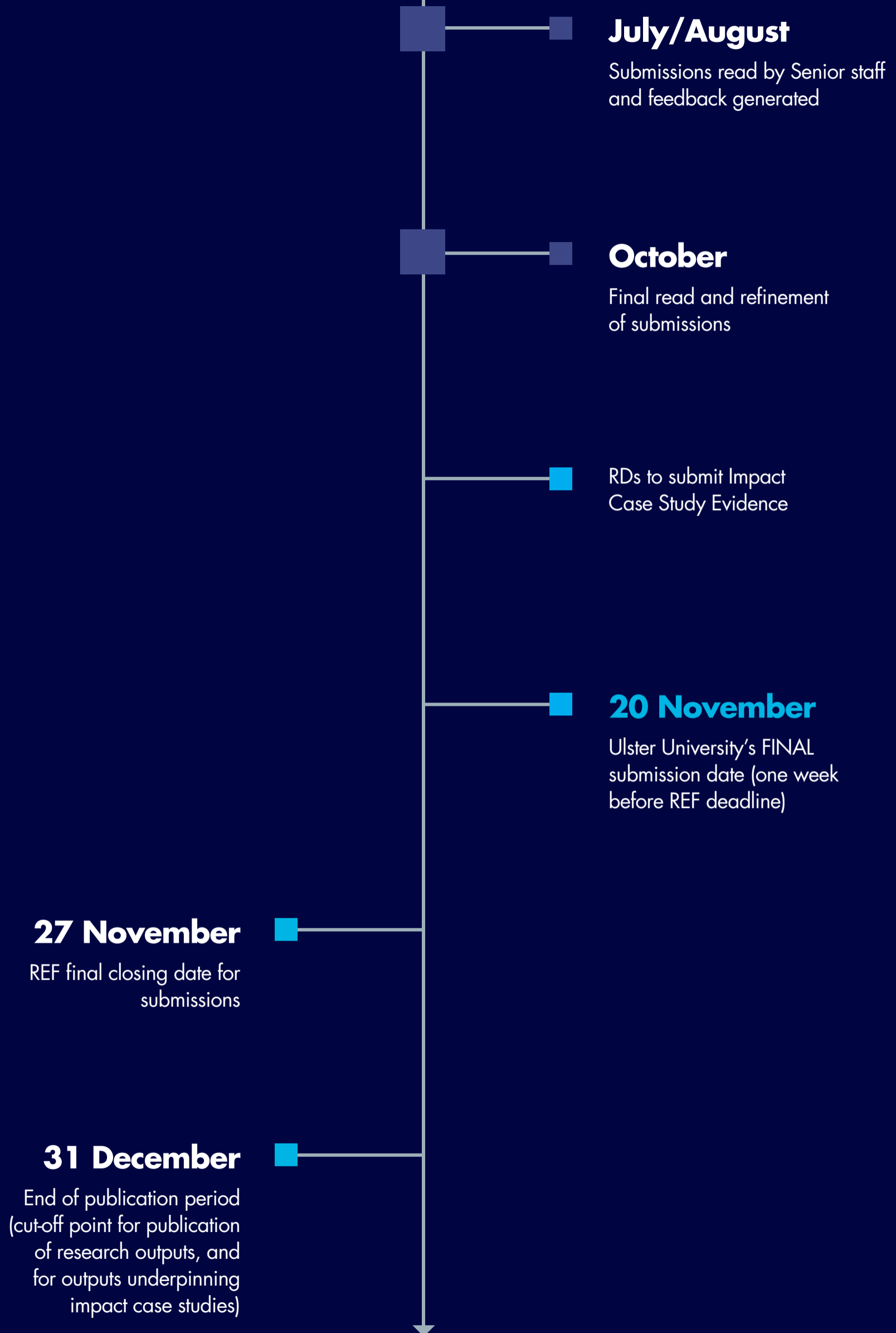
Mock 2 REF Exercise

## 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)



# 2021

## January

Submit physical copies of outputs not available in electronic format

Submit further details for outputs pending publication

Submit redacted versions of impact case studies

Submit corroborating evidence for impact case studies

Media training for relevant staff

## 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

## December

Publication of outcomes

Communicate results to staff and the general public

# 2022

## Spring

Publication of submissions, panel overview reports and sub-profiles.