REF2021 timeline

NATIONAL TIMELINE

January
- Publication of final Guidance on submissions
- Panel Criteria
- Guidance on codes of practice
- Appointment of additional EDAP members

ULSTER’S SUPPORTING ACTIONS

January
- Dissemination of final Guidance on submissions
- Panel Criteria
- Guidance on codes of practice

February
- University-wide consultation on draft REF Code of Practice

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

Impact Case Study
Internal Review
SRR Trilaterals to identify Cat A submitted staff
**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.

**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 submissions, case studies requiring security clearance, and exceptions to submission for small units; publication of approved codes of practice.

**May**
Mock 1 REF Exercise (early May)

**June**
Submit final Code of Practice

- 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
**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

**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)

**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**
27 November
REF final closing date for submissions

20 November
Ulster University’s FINAL submission date (one week before REF deadline)

27 November
REF final closing date for submissions

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

July/August
Submissions read by Senior staff and feedback generated

October
Final read and refinement of submissions

RDs to submit Impact Case Study Evidence
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.

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

December
Publication of outcomes

Media training for relevant staff
Communicate results to staff and the general public

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

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