

Updates from the RQI team

Welcome to this newsletter edition from the Research Quality and Impact team. Please see important news items and reminders below. You can view all previous newsletters on our [Updates from the RQI team page](#).

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and/or support impact development for the REF. We aim to:

REF published the [REF2029 Volume Measure guidance](#) and the associated [Code of Practice guidance](#) on 16 January, alongside an [Overview of the assessment framework](#).

The volume measure in REF2029 will be used to determine the number of outputs and impact case studies required for each UoA submission. It ensures that the scale of an institution's submission aligns with its research capacity, and the basic formula of staff x 2.5 to calculate the volume of outputs required carries over from REF2021. However, there are also some changes from previous exercises:

- The volume measure is based on contracts rather than individuals (so if someone has held both eligible and ineligible contracts during the relevant period, only the FTE associated

REF2029 main- and sub-panel recruitment now open

REF's main and sub-panels are at the heart of the REF assessment process, and they bring together specialist expertise in each UoA. There are four main panels and 34 sub-panels.

REF are seeking to recruit members to their main and sub-panels for REF 2029. Please note, you must have the support of your UoA to apply for a panel role.

The closing date for sub-panel chair and deputy chair applications is **midday 6 February**.

The application form will remain open for all other roles until **midday 28 April 2025**.

- Sub-panel member (including chair and deputy chair)
- Main panel international expert
- Main panel PCE expert
- Main panel user expert

