



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](#).

News

REF2029 Internal Timeline Planning

The RQI Team and DPVC Seb Oliver are currently working to produce an overarching institutional timeline for REF preparations at Sussex, including key external deadlines and internal processes of review, support and development. We are aiming to share the timeline early in the new year.

REF2029 main panel and sub-panel recruitment to launch in December

The REF team are working to launch the recruitment process for REF2029 main and sub-panels in December. The panels will be composed of leading experts in their disciplines and play a crucial role in REF, with responsibility for assessing the quality of submissions against the established criteria.

For REF2029, the panel recruitment process is moving to open applications, where anyone can submit their own application rather than being nominated by a sector body. By adopting this approach, REF are aiming to enhance transparency, broaden the pool of potential applicants, and ensure that the panels reflect the diversity of expertise within each discipline.

Panel membership is very important for understanding the REF process and improving our performance at UoA and institutional level, as well as being an important contribution that individuals can make to their disciplines at a national level. Please do consider putting yourselves forward for these panels and encouraging your colleagues to do so too.

