Data sources for mainstream QR funding

Our mainstream quality-related research (QR) funding is allocated selectively according to quality.

The source data we have used to calculate mainstream QR funding for 2020-21 has not changed since the 2015-16 mainstream QR funding allocations. We use data from the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF 2014), with the volume measure calculated from Category A FTE staff submitted to REF 2014 attributable to quality levels 3* and 4*.

In the mainstream QR funding Excel file the column headed 'Quality-weighted volume' contains the volume measure multiplied by the quality weighting. For 2020-21, the following quality weightings were applied to the REF 2014 quality sub-profiles:

Quality level	4*	3*	2*	1*	Unclassified
Quality weighting	4	1	0	0	0

Data sources for QR RDP supervision funding

The following data were used to allocate the QR Research degree programme (RDP) supervision fund:

Indicator	Source of data for 2017-18	Source of data for 2018-19	Source of data for 2019-20	Source of data for 2020-21
Eligible postgraduate research student FTEs	HESA Student Record returns covering the period 2010-11 to 2015-16	HESA Student Record returns covering the period 2011-12 to 2016-17	HESA Student Record returns covering the period 2012-13 to 2017-18	HESA 2018-19 Student Record

Data sources for QR charity support funding

The following data were used to allocate funds for the QR Charity support element:

Indicator	Source of data for 2017-18	Source of data for 2018-19	Source of data for 2019-20	Source of data for 2020-21
Research income from UK, EU and non-EU-based charities (open competitive process)	Average of 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 income taken from HESA Finance record Table 5/5b for total/net research grants and contracts and (for the last year) deferred income deducting co-investment income, and Table 6/6a for research studentships from charities	Average of 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 income taken from HESA Finance record Table 5/5b for total/net research grants and contracts and (for 2015-16 only) deferred income, deducting co-investment income, and Table 6/6a for research studentships from charities	Average of 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 income taken from HESA Finance record Table 5/5b for total/net research grants and contracts and (for 2015-16 only) deferred income, deducting co-investment income, and Table 6/6a for research studentships from charities	Average of 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 income taken from the HESA Finance records and the Office for Students Annual Financial Return (for 2018-19) Tables 5 for total/net research grants and contracts and (for 2015-16 only) deferred income, deducting co-investment income, and Tables 6 for research studentships from charities

Data sources for QR business research funding

The following data were used to allocate funds for the QR Business research element:

Indicator	Source of data for 2017-18	Source of data for 2018-19	Source of data for 2019-20	Source of data for 2020-21
Research income from UK, EU and non-EU industry, commerce and public corporations	Average of 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 income taken from HESA Finance record Table 5/5b for total/net research grants and contracts and (for the last year) deferred income deducting co-investment income	Average of 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 income taken from HESA Finance record Table 5/5b for total/net research grants and contracts and (for 2015-16 only) deferred income deducting co-investment income	Average of 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 income taken from HESA Finance record Table 5/5b for total/net research grants and contracts and (for 2015-16 only) deferred income deducting co-investment income	Average of 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 income taken from the HESA Finance records and the Office for Students Annual Financial Return (for 2018-19) Tables 5 for total/net research grants and contracts and (for 2015-16 only) deferred income deducting co-investment income

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