

HESA data to inform 2020-21 funding data summary: Post-collection output

Quality-related research (QR) research degree programme (RDP) supervision fund data summary technical document

Purpose

1. This document describes the algorithms we use to derive postgraduate research (PGR) student FTE numbers from HESA data to inform 2020-21 QR RDP supervision funding.
2. This document is aimed at readers with an in-depth knowledge of the data. Readers are advised to have copies of the HESA Student record coding manual 2018-19 to hand (www.hesa.ac.uk/collection/c18051) when using this document.

HESA fields used in the 2020-21 QR RDP supervision fund data summary algorithms

3. Only certain fields, detailed in Table 1, are used to generate the 2020-21 QR RDP supervision fund data summary using HESA student data from the academic year 2018-19.
4. Throughout this document, fields taken or derived from the HESA return are shown in capitals using the names given in Tables 1 and 2 respectively.

Using the individualised file

5. When working through this document it is necessary to use the individualised file RDP18_PCO_XXXXXXXXX_IND.csv, where XXXXXXXXX is the UK Provider Reference Number (UKPRN) for the provider¹. This document shows the calculation of the eligible PGR FTE. The individualised file contains one record for each student instance x unit of assessment x provider supervising this part of the instance (HUSID x NUMHUS x UOA2014 x RDPPROV) that has a postgraduate course aim (that is, the first character of COURSEAIM = D, E, L or M, unless COURSEAIM = M22, M26 or M28) during 2018-19.

¹ Details on how to access this file can be found on the Office for Students Website - <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/dataand-analysis/supplying-data/submitting-data-through-the-ofs-portal/>.

Table 1: HESA fields which are used to inform the QR RDP supervision fund data summary

Entity	Field	Description	Column in individualised file
Course	COURSEAIM	General qualification aim of course	AD
Instance	CAMPID [†]	Campus identifier	G
Instance	COLFROMDATE	Date a student has transferred from another collaborating provider	V
Instance	COLFROMPROV	Collaborating provider that a student has transferred from	U
Instance	COLTODATE	Date a student has transferred to another collaborating provider	T
Instance	COLTOPROV	Collaborating provider that a student has transferred to	S
Instance	COURSEID [†]	Course identifier	I
Instance	ENDDATE	End date of instance	AE
Instance	EXCHANGE	Exchange programmes	AF
Instance	FUNDCODE	Fundability code	J
Instance	INSTCAMP [†]	Provider's own campus identifier	H
Instance	MCDATE	Change of mode date	AG
Instance	MODE	Mode of study	AH
Instance	NUMHUS	Student instance identifier	C
Instance	NUMHUSPREV	NUMHUS used by a previous provider where a student has transferred	W
Instance	OWNINST [†]	Provider's own instance identifier	E
Instance	STULOAD	Student instance FTE	AI
Instance	YEARPRG	Year of course	AK

Entity	Field	Description	Column in individualised file
Instance	YEARSTU	Year of student on this instance	AJ
Institution	UKPRN	UK Provider Reference Number	A
Student	HUSID	HESA unique student identifier	B
Student	ORCID [†]	ORCID identifier for the student	F
Student	OWNSTU [†]	Provider's own identifier for the student	D
REF Data	COLPROV	Collaborating provider	O
REF Data	UOA2014	REF 2014 unit of assessment (UOA)	K
REF Data	UOAPCNT	UOA percentage	L
REF Data	UOA2021	REF 2021 unit of assessment (UOA)	AL

[†] These fields are not used to calculate the QR RDP supervision fund but are included in the individualised file to allow easy identification of students.

Description of derived fields

6. This section details the derived fields in the individualised file. These fields are used to build the PGR FTE used in the QR RDP supervision fund data summary.

Table 2: Derived fields which are used to inform the QR RDP supervision fund data summary

Derived field name	Description	Para graph	Column in individualised file
OVERRIDE	Identifies whether an override has been applied for the instance	20	AM
RDPEXCLSUM	QR RDP supervision fund: reason for instance exclusion	11	Y

Derived field name	Description	Para graph	Column in individualised file
RDPEXCL1	QR RDP supervision fund: instance exclusion flag 1	7	Z
RDPEXCL2	QR RDP supervision fund: instance exclusion flag 2	8	AA
RDPEXCL4	QR RDP supervision fund: instance exclusion flag 4	9	AB
RDPEXCL8	QR RDP supervision fund: instance exclusion flag 8	10	AC
RDPFTE	QR RDP FTE per UOA per provider for the instance	16	Q
RDPFTEPROVADJ	Final QR RDP FTE for the instance attributed to each UOA and provider	18	P
RDPFTETOT	FTE for the instance counted towards QR RDP FTE calculation	14	R
RDPMODE	Mode type of the instance	13	X
RDPProv	UKPRN of provider supervising this part of the instance	15	M
RDPREF14ELIG	Provider supervising this part of the activity was eligible to submit to REF 2014	17	N

RDPEXCL1 (Column Z)

7. This field indicates whether the student is active on the instance during the academic year 2018-19.

Value	Description	Definition
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1	Student not active on instance	ENDDATE < 1 August 2018 or MODE = 63, 64 or (MODE = 51, 73, 74 and (MCDATE = BLANK or MCDATE < 2 August 2018))
0	Otherwise	Otherwise

RDPEXCL2 (Column AA)

8. These fields indicate whether the instance activity is PGR for the year.

Value	Description	Definition
1	Instance not leading towards a postgraduate research degree	COURSEAIM ≠ D00, L00, L80, L99
0	Otherwise	Otherwise

RDPEXCL4 (Column AB)

9. These fields indicate whether the instance is an incoming exchange for the year.

Value	Description	Definition
1	Incoming exchange instance	EXCHANGE = 4, G, Z
0	Otherwise	Otherwise

RDPEXCL8 (Column AC)

10. This field indicates whether the instance is Research England-fundable in 2018-19, or an instance with a reduced return.

Value	Description	Definition
1	Not a Research England-fundable instance	FUNDCODE ≠ 1, 5, BLANK
0	Otherwise	Otherwise

RDPEXCLSUM (Column Y)

11. This field indicates whether the student's instance FTE contributes towards the eligible QR RDP FTE. It is calculated as $(1 \times \text{RDPEXCL1}) + (2 \times \text{RDPEXCL2}) + (4 \times \text{RDPEXCL4}) + (8 \times \text{RDPEXCL8})$. The reason(s) which contribute to the

exclusion of an instance can therefore be calculated. For example, if RDPEXCLSUM = 5, by subtracting figures from the table below, starting at the bottom, we see that the instance is an incoming exchange instance (RDPEXCL4 = 1) and the student is not active on the instance (RDPEXCL1 = 1).

12. Instances that contribute towards the eligible QR RDP FTE have RDPEXCLSUM = 0.

Value	Description	Definition
1	Student not active on instance	RDPEXCL1 = 1
2	Instance not leading towards a postgraduate research qualification	RDPEXCL2 = 1
4	Incoming exchange instance	RDPEXCL4 = 1
8	Not a Research England-fundable instance	RDPEXCL8 = 1
0	Otherwise	Otherwise

RDPMODE (Column X)

13. This field categorises the mode of the instance into active, writing-up or inactive.

Value	Description	Definition
ACTIVE	Active mode of study	MODE = 01, 02, 23, 24, 25, 31
WUP	Writing up	MODE = 43, 44
INACTIVE	Inactive mode of study	MODE = 51, 63, 64, 73, 74
OTHER	Otherwise	Otherwise

RDPFTETOT (Column R)

14. This field contains the FTE for the instance that informs the QR RDP supervision fund FTE calculation.

Value	Description	Definition
STULOAD	QR RDP FTE for the year	RDPEXCLSUM = 0
0	Otherwise	Otherwise

RDPPROV (Column M)

15. This field shows the UKPRN of the provider supervising this part of the instance.

Value	Description	Definition
UKPRN	Registering provider is supervising this part of the instance	COLPROV = BLANK
COLPROV	Collaborating provider is supervising this part of the instance	COLPROV ≠ BLANK

RDPFTE (Column Q)

16. This field shows the QR RDP FTE for the instance (RDPFTETOT) attributable to each UOA (UOA2014) and provider supervising the activity (RDPPROV). It is calculated as $RDPFTETOT \times (UOAPCNT/100)$.

RDPREF14ELIG (Column N)

17. This field indicates whether the provider supervising this part of the activity (RDPPROV) was eligible to submit to REF 2014.

Value	Description
1	Provider supervising this part of the activity (RDPPROV) was eligible to submit to REF 2014
0	Otherwise

RDPFTEPROVADJ (Column P)

18. This field shows the QR RDP FTE for the instance (RDPFTETOT) attributable to each UOA (UOA2014) and provider supervising the activity (RDPPROV) that was eligible to submit to REF 2014 (RDPREF14ELIG = 1). It is this FTE that will be used to inform the QR RDP supervision fund FTE calculation.

Value	Definition
RDPFTETOT × (UOAPCNT/sum of UOAPCNTs across all providers eligible to submit to REF 2014 supervising this instance)	RDPREF14ELIG = 1
0	Otherwise

OVERRIDE (Column AM)

19. This field indicates whether an override has been applied for the student.

Value	Description	Definition
1	Override has been applied	Institution-specific
0	Otherwise	Otherwise