

Data sources for mainstream quality-related research funding

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

Since the 2015 to 2016 mainstream QR funding allocations, the source data for the calculations has been the Research Excellence Framework. For 2022 to 2023 mainstream QR funding, we use data from the 2021 Research Excellence Framework (REF 2021). The volume measure is calculated from Category A FTE staff submitted to REF 2021 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 2022 to 2023, the following quality weightings were applied to the REF 2021 quality sub-profiles:

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

Data sources for QR research degree programme supervision funding

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

Indicator	Source of data for 2019-20	Source of data for 2020-21	Source of data for 2021-22	Source of data for 2022-23
Eligible postgraduate research student FTEs	HESA Student Record returns covering the period 2012-18	HESA 2018-19 Student Record	HESA 2019-20 Student Record	HESA 2020-21 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 2019-20	Source of data for 2020-21	Source of data for 2021-22	Source of data for 2022-23
Research income from UK, EU and non-EU-based charities (open competitive process)	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	Average of 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20 income taken from the HESA Finance records and the Office for Students Annual Financial Return (for 2018-19 onwards) Tables 5 for total/net research grants and contracts deducting co-investment income, and Tables 6 for research studentships from charities	Average of 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 income taken from the HESA Finance records and the Office for Students Annual Financial Return (for 2018-19 onwards) Tables 5 for total/net research grants and contracts 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 2019-20	Source of data for 2020-21	Source of data for 2021-22	Source of data for 2022-23
Research income from UK, EU and non-EU industry, commerce and public corporations	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	Average of 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 income taken from the HESA Finance records and the Office for Students Annual Financial Return (for 2018-19 onwards) Tables 5 for total/net research grants and contracts deducting co-investment income	Average of 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 income taken from the HESA Finance records and the Office for Students Annual Financial Return (for 2018-19 onwards) Tables 5 for total/net research grants and contracts deducting co-investment income

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