Research Quality Framework

IMPACT STATEMENT

Institution: 
Research Grouping: 
Discipline: 

How has the Research Grouping engaged with end-users to address a social, economic, environmental and/or cultural issue?

Sub-questions may be added along the lines of:

- What is the social, economic, environmental and/or cultural issue that your research seeks to address?
- How does your research address this issue?
- What end-user/s have you engaged with to address this issue?
- How have you engaged with these end-users?
- What research outputs/findings did you share with these end-users?
- What indicators can you provide in support of your claims?

Further discipline-specific sub-questions may also be added to assist Research Groupings focus their responses.

Verifiable, positive responses to these questions would demonstrate that the Research Grouping has engaged with end-users to address an identifiable social, economic, environmental and/or cultural issue.

A Panel satisfied with the responses to these questions would be able to award a minimum rating of “D” to a Research Grouping.
What new products, policies, legislation, paradigms, attitudes, outlooks etc have end-users adopted, implemented and/or taken up as a result of engaging with your Research Grouping?

Sub-questions may be added along the lines of:

- What was the new product, policy, outlook etc?
- What end-users implemented/adopted this new product, policy etc?
- When did these end-users adopt the new product etc?
- How did the end-users adopt this new product etc?
- How is this adoption related to your research?
- What indicators can you provide in support of these claims?

Further discipline-specific sub-questions may also be added to assist Research Groupings focus their responses.

Verifiable, positive responses to these questions would demonstrate that end-user/s have adopted/implemented the research outputs/findings of a Research Grouping.

A Panel satisfied with the responses to these questions would award a rating of “C” to a Research Grouping.

The impact rating scale is necessarily progressive. That is, an end-user cannot adopt a Research Grouping’s findings unless there has already been some level of engagement first. To effectively assess this progressive scale of impact, asking these questions in order – engagement, adoption and so on – forces Research Groupings to ‘tell a story’ of how their research has generated impact. Telling the story makes it easier for Research Groupings to demonstrate their impact, and it also makes it easier for Panels to assess their claims.

As these criteria/questions are progressive, increasing numbers of Research Groupings will be unable to effectively answer successive questions/criteria.
What are the social, economic, environmental and/or cultural benefits of the new product, policy, legislation, paradigm, attitude, outlook etc adopted by end-users?

Sub-questions may be added along the lines of:

- What was the result of the new product etc that was adopted by the end-user?
- Who benefited from the adoption of the new product etc?
- How did they benefit from the new product etc?
- How is this benefit linked to the adoption of the research?
- How is this benefit linked to your research?
- What indicators can be used to support these claims?

Further discipline-specific sub-questions may also be added to assist Research Groupings focus their responses.

Verifiable, positive responses to these questions will demonstrate that end-users have derived social, economic, environmental and/or cultural benefit from the implementation/ adoption of the research output/findings.

Panels satisfied with these responses can award an impact rating of “B” to Research Groupings.

As stated above, this is a progressive scale from engagement to adoption to benefit. Once again, fewer Research Groupings will be able to demonstrate that they have achieved this level of impact.
What is the magnitude or extent of the social, economic, environmental and/or cultural benefit to end-users as a result of the implemented research?

Sub-questions may be added along the lines of:

- How long will this benefit last?
- How many end-users benefited?
- What are the implications of these benefits?
- What indicators can support your claims?

Further discipline-specific sub-questions may also be added to assist Research Groupings focus their responses.

Verifiable responses to these questions will demonstrate the extent of the benefit achieved by the implementation of the research.

Panels will have to use their judgement to judge the scale of the benefit. For those Research Groupings that have generated massive benefits in the top 2% of the sector, Panels should award a rating of “A”.

This is the elite impact rating that very few Research Groupings will be able to achieve. Like the “B” rating, it is the benefit that follows engagement and adoption, but it is the scale of that benefit that determines whether an “A” can be awarded.
Case Study 1

Provide a brief case study that illustrates your claims to the above impact criteria.
Case Study 3 (optional)
(Draft Template)

Case Study 4 (optional)
Details of End-Users

Provide details of end-users who can be contacted by Expert Assessment Panels to verify your claims to the above impact criteria.

Do not provide written references or testimonials from end-users.

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