

<b>REF Item</b>	<b>RIC Change</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
Definition of research: REF 2014 linked impact to published research “First brought into the public domain during the publication period, 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2013”	RIC is linking impact to published research as well as research expertise which can include research and creative activities of undergrad and graduate students.	We are seeking to create and communicate impacts from the university’s entire research enterprise, not all of which is represented by a published article in a particular date range
Description of underlying research: REF 2014 only included outputs from researchers.	RIC specifically includes the contributions of non-academic research partners that also underpin the creation of impact.	Impact doesn’t happen through research alone. We recognize the critical role that non-academic partners bring to creating impact.
Knowledge mobilization: the efforts an institution makes to create/support impact were described in the institutional environment section of REF 2014 reporting.	RIC added a separate entry to the impact case study template describing the specific knowledge mobilization efforts made to support the impact case.	This more directly couples the institutions efforts to the research impact. Not all impact is supported by the institution but this allows the institution to speak to the efforts specific to each case, where applicable.
Guidance for collecting the evidence of impact: REF 2014 provided none.	RIC adapted the questions of <a href="#">contribution analysis</a> to help guide interviews to collect the evidence of impact.	These 7 questions are the interview guide for semi structured interviews.