Research Assessment Exercise 2026
University-level
Environment Overview Statement[1]
(with descriptors in bullets for reference)
(Please also refer to paragraph 59 of the General Panel Guidelines when making the submission.)

University:
Total number of eligible staff of the university:

(1) Context and mission
   - an overview of the university's
     • size;
     • structure;
     • mission; and
     • stage of development in view of university's role statement at <u>Attachment 1</u>

(2) Research policy and strategy, including for example –
   - the institutional strategy for:
     • research (research strengths, research focus areas and the distribution of research activities across research areas);
     • enabling impact (including stakeholder engagement and knowledge transfer);
     • developing a sustainable research culture (including open access and open data policies, approach to contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals, how inter-disciplinary and collaborative research has been supported, how research integrity and research ethics are embedded in the institution); and
   - how the overall institutional policy and strategy contribute to government priorities

(3) People
   - institutional staffing strategy, staff development and training, including for example –
     • recruitment; leave policies; equality and diversity agenda; measures/facilities for early career researchers/research students, etc.; and
   - development, training and supervision of research students

(4) Research funding sources
   - breakdown by funding source as a percentage total of overall funding; and
   - university-level resources, infrastructure, and facilities available to support research and impact

In the context of research environment, the university is encouraged to comment on the extent to which generative AI technologies have been addressed, applied or used within any of the above elements.

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[1] Maximum length and page format for submissions are prescribed below –

(a)

Number of eligible academic staff (headcount) in university	Page limit (A4 size) for each university-level environment overview statement (including one page for attachment)
3 – 300	6
301 – 600	7
601 – 800	8
801 or more	9

(b)   12 point size in Times New Roman, single-line spacing, 2 cm margin all around.

Role Statement – Attachment 1[2]

University:

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[2] Maximum length and prescribed format: one A4 page per attachment, 2 cm margin all round.

Research Assessment Exercise 2026
Unit-of-Assessment-level
Environment Overview Statement[1]
(Please refer to paragraph 60 of the General Panel Guidelines and paragraph 44.2 of
individual Panel-specific Guidelines for more detailed descriptions of each aspects.)

University:
Unit of Assessment (UoA):
Total number of eligible staff of the university in the UoA:

(1)   UoA context and structure

(2)   Research and impact strategy

(3)   Research integrity and research ethics

(4)   People

(5)   Income (e.g. grants received), infrastructure and facilities

(6)   Collaborations

(7)   Esteem

(8)   Contribution to the discipline or research base

In the context of research environment, the submitting UoA is encouraged to comment on the
extent to which generative AI technologies have been addressed, applied or used within any of the
above elements.

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(a)

Number of eligible academic staff (headcount) in the UoA	Page limit (A4 size) for each environment overview statement
3 – 15	6
16 – 30	8
31 – 45	10
46 or more	13

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