

## Research Evaluation Advisory Committee

### ***Membership and Remit***

Following approval at the meeting of the Quality Board on 29 June 2020 the membership and remit of the Research Evaluation Advisory Committee (REAC) is updated. The following replaces Annex 7 of the QEF2 Handbook.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of REAC is kept under review by REAC and proposals developed by it. The Quality Board remains the approving body for any changes to membership proposed by REAC. At least two nominations will be requested from the various bodies to provide an overall balance of subject area, gender, etc.

**Membership from the Quality Board – the Chair of REAC will be a Quality Board member.**

*Term of office – coterminous with Quality Board membership.*

*One Committee member*

**Membership from every University** – each University should nominate for selection two suitably qualified members of staff, capable of representing research within their institution. Nominees should have a strategic role in research and/or knowledge exchange across their University. For example, Vice Rectors for Research, Heads of Research Services or equivalent would be appropriate. One nominee from each University will be selected in order to create a committee membership balanced by gender and by academic discipline.

*Term of office – REAC membership would be coterminous to the position held at the University.  
Seven committee members.*

**Chair of the Science Committee of the Icelandic Science and Technology Policy Council** – will be a member of REAC.

*Term of office – co-terminal with the Chairmanship of the Council.*

*One Committee member*

**Quality Council member** – one member nominated by the Quality Council.

*Term of office – four years, renewable.*

*One Committee member*

**Doctoral Student and Postdoctoral Researcher membership** – one doctoral student and one postdoctoral researcher, balanced by academic discipline; the doctoral student to be nominated by the National Union of Students in Iceland (LÍS) and the postdoctoral researcher to be nominated by the Rectors Conference.

*Term of office – two years, non-renewable.*

### *Two Committee members*

In addition, the Chair of the Quality Board and representative of MESC may attend as observers and the Secretariat of the Quality Board will continue to service REAC. REAC will also invite relevant advisers to attend Committee meetings when there is a need.

### **REMIT**

#### **With regard to Research Management**

- Supporting and offering guidance on the application of the Core Model of evaluation of research management in the QEF, considering the outcomes produced, and advising the Quality Board on the further development of the model.
- Ensuring that evaluations of research management complement the Quality Board's and the Quality Council's focus on enhancing the student learning experience.
- Hosting conferences in collaboration with the Quality Council on the evaluation of research management, to the extent resources permit.

#### **With regard to Research Information**

- Advising on the development and use of the Icelandic CRIS system (PURE) to capture research activity.
- Considering how a common data set on key figures from the HEIs published by MESC will contribute to the management and evaluation of research.
- Advising the Quality Board on relevant key statistics on research performance and impact to gather from the Universities (in line with regulation 1368/2018)

#### **With regard to Research Assessment**

- Supporting the development of research assessment that incorporates both the development of new knowledge and the use of existing knowledge for benefit beyond Universities – that is, the quality of research outputs and the reach and significance of research impact.
- Providing guidance for the evaluation of research, especially taking into consideration international developments in the evaluation of research management and quality.

### **Language**

The normal working language of the Research Evaluation Advisory Committee will be English.