

IMPACT

Government

the Ref will also be used to provide accountability for public expenditure on research.

"...to send a strong signal and give a strong financial incentive for departments to not only do excellent research, but find ways of helping to turn it into impacts that benefit the economy and society as a whole."
 the panels who judge the research will include a "large proportion of [people from] businesses, public services and policymakers – rather than just academics commenting on each other's work".
 (David Lammy (HE Minister))

UCU

As academics, researchers and higher education professionals we believe that it is counterproductive to make funding for the best research conditional on its perceived economic and social benefits.

University

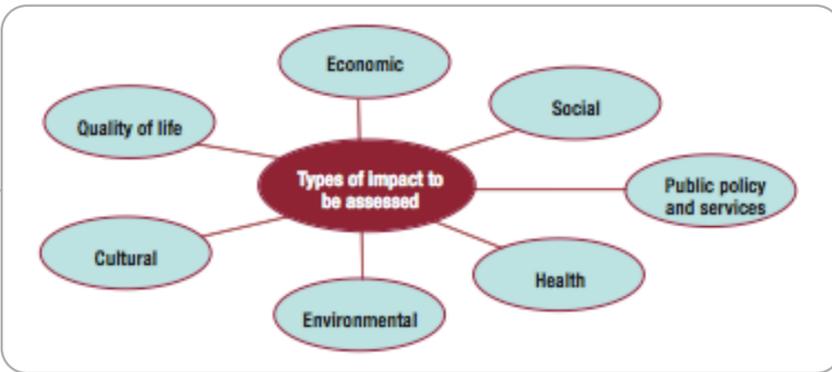
"...**broadly supportive** of introducing a measure of the economic and social impact of research providing it is underpinned by a **robust methodology** which commands the confidence of the academic community"
 (Russell Group, 15 October 2009)

Russell Group

1 HEFCE

Impact – Significant additional recognition will be given where researchers build on excellent research to deliver demonstrable benefits to the economy, society, public policy, culture and quality of life. Impacts will be assessed through a case study approach that will be tested in a pilot exercise.

'...an excellent department or unit ... should be rewarded for delivering strong impacts by building on their portfolio of excellent research activity.'



Australian Tehnology Network

Australian RQF

1994 Group

"...crucial that the UK's HE research base is appropriately supported to play a major role in addressing global challenges and ensuring the UK's future prosperity."

The world class, innovative research at our universities underpins our prosperity and improves our quality of life...Knowledge is the new currency of economic growth, and our universities, as a source of new knowledge, are at the core of this, and are central to taking society forward.

'We need to enhance our ability to demonstrate the wider economic, social and cultural impact of our research, and work actively to ensure that any potential impact is realised, in line with the increased emphasis on impact in the REF. This will involve continuing to review our reward and incentive structures to ensure that we reward engagement with government, business, and the wider public.'

HEPI

2 RCUK

"Public investment in research makes certain that the UK is able to compete in the global economy...RCUK working in partnership cultivates the essential research and skills to provide the bedrock for the UK to have a **productive economy, healthy society** and contribute to a **sustainable world**."
 (Alan Thorpe, RCUK 'Excellence with Impact' report, 20 Oct 2009)

"Our research achieves impact– the demonstrable contribution to society and the economy made by knowledge and skilled people. To deliver impact, researchers and funders need to engage and collaborate with the public, business, government and the third sector."