

Selecting your output for review (2029)

This guidance is for academic and administration staff who wish to propose an output for assessment in Pure.

Note: Research England have provided initial decisions and principles of REF 2029, however detailed draft guidance on submissions and criteria will not be published until Summer 2025. Without the detailed guidance we don't know exactly how the process of decoupling will work but once this is published, we will ensure guidance is followed to decouple staff from outputs.

Outputs will still account for the greatest proportion of the overall unit score, with 50% of the quality profile of a unit of assessment coming from research outputs and the contribution to knowledge and understanding. It is imperative therefore that we identify the best outputs of likely 4* and 3* quality within each department for consideration of submission and to ensure that these are appropriately representative of a department/unit. As there are many more outputs at department level than it would be practical to assess fully, for this first stocktake we are asking individuals to propose for review their best outputs published from January 2021 to present.

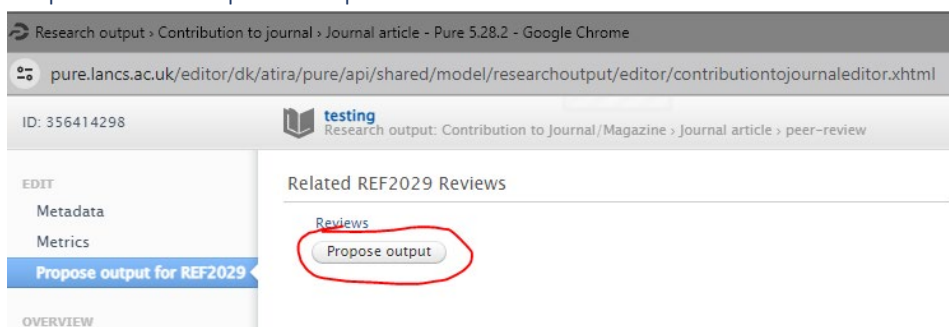
Asking individuals to self-select their best outputs will help departments to target finite resource to the likeliest high-quality outputs. Over the remaining REF period units will be able to more easily review outputs on a regular basis and also consider outputs by any staff member, including non-academic staff, where a substantive connection to the institution can be demonstrated.

Step 1: Find your output – Outputs for REF2029 need to be published on or after 1st January 2021

Step 2: Open the output in Pure and Select “Propose output for REF2029”

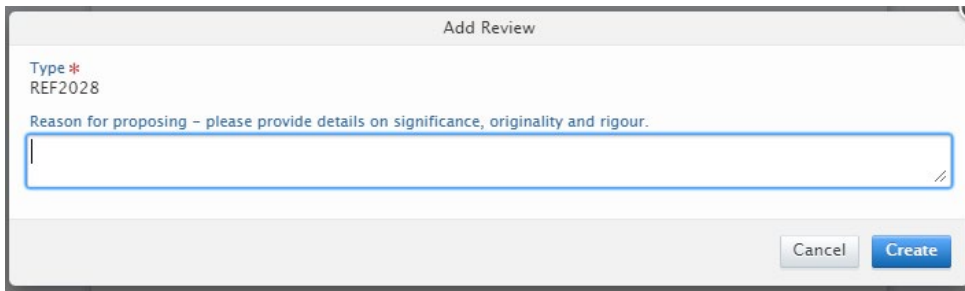


Step 3: Click “Propose Output”



Step 4: Fill in “Reason for proposing - please provide details on significance, originality and rigour.”
It is important to note that this section is visible to all Co-Authors and editors.

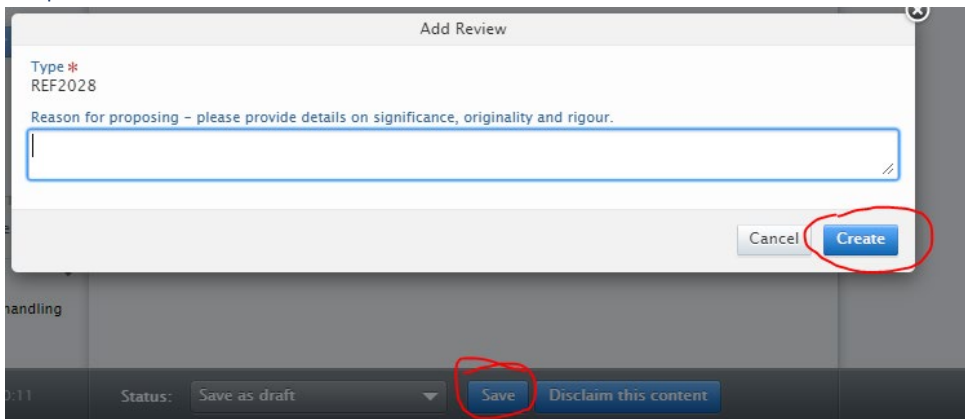
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The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add Review". It contains the following elements:

- Type ***: REF2028
- Reason for proposing - please provide details on significance, originality and rigour.**: A large text input field with a vertical cursor at the beginning.
- Buttons**: "Cancel" and "Create" buttons at the bottom right.

Step 5: Click "Create" then click "Save"



This screenshot is similar to the one above, but with red circles highlighting the "Create" button in the dialog box and the "Save" button in the main application's status bar at the bottom.

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The main application's status bar at the bottom shows:

- Status:** Save as draft
- Buttons:** "Save" and "Disclaim this content".