

PRACTICE-BASED RESEARCH OUTPUTS FOR REF 2021

A USIR/FIGSHARE SOLUTION FOR THE SCHOOL OF ARTS & MEDIA

Background

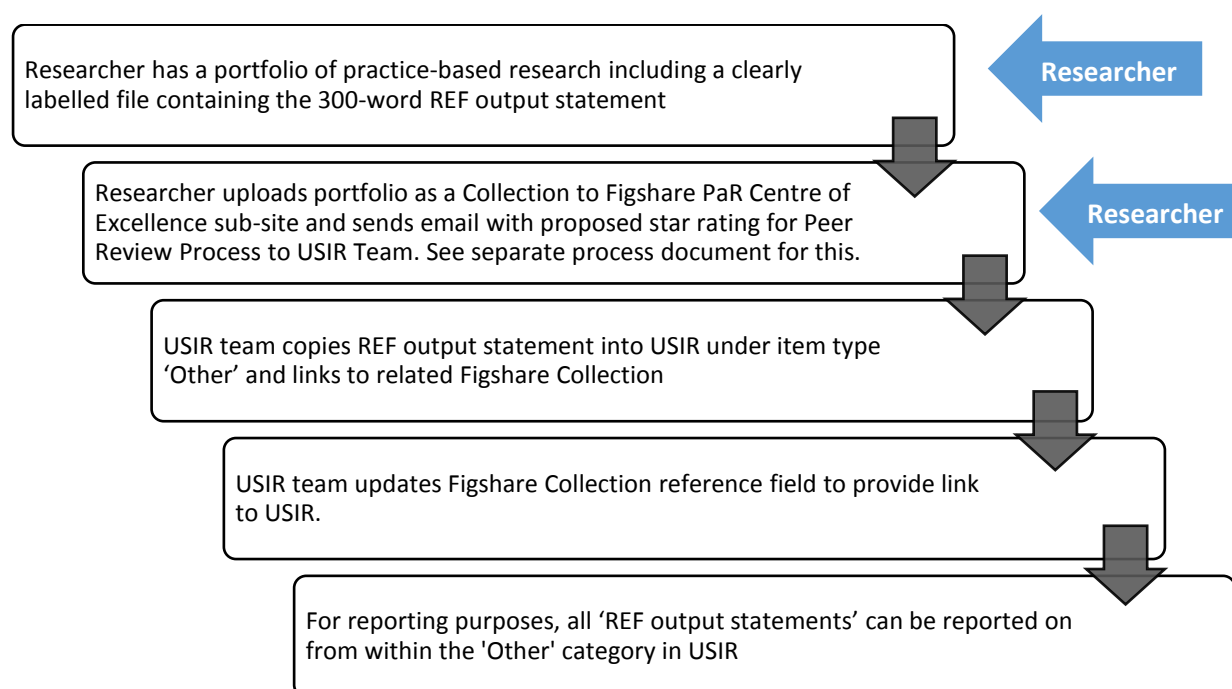
Research colleagues in Arts and Media approached the Library research support team to ask how and where you should store and share your portfolios of practice-based research in order to ensure they can be reported on for REF 2021.

We expect, as per REF 2014, that in order for practice-based research to be submitted for REF assessment, digital files should be provided where possible and accompanied by a 300-word 'research output statement'. The research output statement needs to provide evidence for the research contexts / dimensions of the practice-based output with reference to the REF definition of research as "a process of *investigation* leading to *new insights, effectively shared*" (REF Assessment Framework 2011). REF assessment criteria will apply (originality, significance and rigour). (Source: [presentation by Professor John Adams](#) at 'Practice-Based Research and the REF 2014', Kingston University, Oct 2012)

USIR is Salford's repository for REF reporting purposes but it is not ideally suited to handling large AV file types, nor is it a particularly visually engaging platform. So we have consulted with academics in the School as well as our technical and research support teams to provide a solution that makes use of our open data repository, Figshare: <https://salford.figshare.com/>

This workflow keeps things as simple as possible for researchers, but if you have any queries or concerns, please contact our team (see overleaf).

Proposed workflow



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How we support the research lifecycle:

