

University of Sussex Privacy Consent Form for Future Research Assessments

Thank you for offering to provide a corroborating statement (or “evidence”) with regards to the use of (and/or benefit from) research undertaken at the University of Sussex, by you, your organisation, and/or a third party.

Please read the [University of Sussex Privacy notice for Future Research Assessments](#) – which outlines why we are asking you for this information, and how it will be used, shared and stored – and place a mark against the statements to which you consent (an unmarked box indicates that your consent is not given).

Sharing with funders only

I have read and understand the **University of Sussex Privacy notice for Future Research Assessments** and consent to the following:

- I am happy for my **name, job title, organisation and contact details** to be **confidentially** submitted to the REF team at Research England, or other relevant funding bodies, who might contact me in the event of an audit, to corroborate the contents of my evidence.
- I am happy for the **information I have supplied as evidence (e.g. testimonial, data, etc.)**, including my name, job title and organisation, to be **confidentially** submitted to the REF team at Research England, or other relevant funding bodies, as supporting evidence for an impact case study or equivalent.

Your contact details will always remain confidential and will not be published in any circumstances by the funders.

Sharing publicly on funder website

The University may wish to include your name, job title, organisation and the information you have supplied as evidence (e.g. testimonial, data, etc.) in the text of an impact case study or impact narrative as part of future research assessments, including Research Excellence Frameworks or equivalent exercises, and particularly REF2029, which will be published on the Research England website.

Please tick all those you consent for us to include. Items you have not ticked will be redacted from the published document:

- Name
- Job title
- Organisation
- Information I have supplied as evidence (e.g. testimonial, data, etc.)

There are varied levels of security and redaction that can be applied to information supplied as evidence for research assessments. Please review the redaction options in [Appendix 1 - University of Sussex Privacy Consent Form for Future Research Assessments](#) and let us know which would be most appropriate for you and why your information may need to be redacted and / or handled securely in the text box below. You can further discuss the redaction options with your University of Sussex partner.

Sharing in University communication

The University may – where appropriate - use testimonials in published material to showcase the quality and impact of its research, including on relevant webpages, social media and printed publications.

- I am happy for **my name, job title and organisation** to be used in University communications, materials and other research assessments or competitions.
 - I am happy for the **information I have supplied as evidence (e.g. testimonial, data, etc.)** to be used in University communications, materials and other research assessments or competitions.
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Name:

Job title:

Organisation:

Contact phone number:

Contact email:

Date:

Signature:

(an electronic signature may be used if this form is completed digitally)

As part of the REF evaluation process, REF will audit a sample of impact case studies to ensure that the data we submit is accurate. As part of this audit, REF may want to contact partners who have engaged with our research and may want to contact you directly, or indirectly via the University of Sussex, to corroborate any claims made in our case studies. The audit process for REF2029 will likely conclude in late 2029, so please let us know if for any reason you anticipate not being contactable via the above contact details before December 2029 by emailing rqi@sussex.ac.uk.

Although a copy of this form will be kept for auditing purposes by the RIQI team at the University of Sussex, you may also retain a copy and your evidence for your own records.