

# Tools and Metrics for Comprehensive Impact

## Research Excellence Framework (UK)

## ResearchFish (UK)

ResearchFish is a tool used by many funding bodies in the UK as a way to track outputs and impacts of scientific work. ResearchFish is used almost universally by all public funding bodies in the UK. ResearchFish primarily a data collection tool into which [the scientific investigators enter data about their work and corresponding outputs](#) via a fine-grained question set. This information is fed back to the funding bodies. It is based on [early work within the RAND group led by Dr Steven Wooding](#).

In their [recent report \(mirror\)](#), the authors describe their definition of Impact as being the same as that of REF's.

They use the word output to describe both academic and wider (or [comprehensive](#)) impacts of research

**Figure 1:** Simplified view of outputs, outcomes and impact of research

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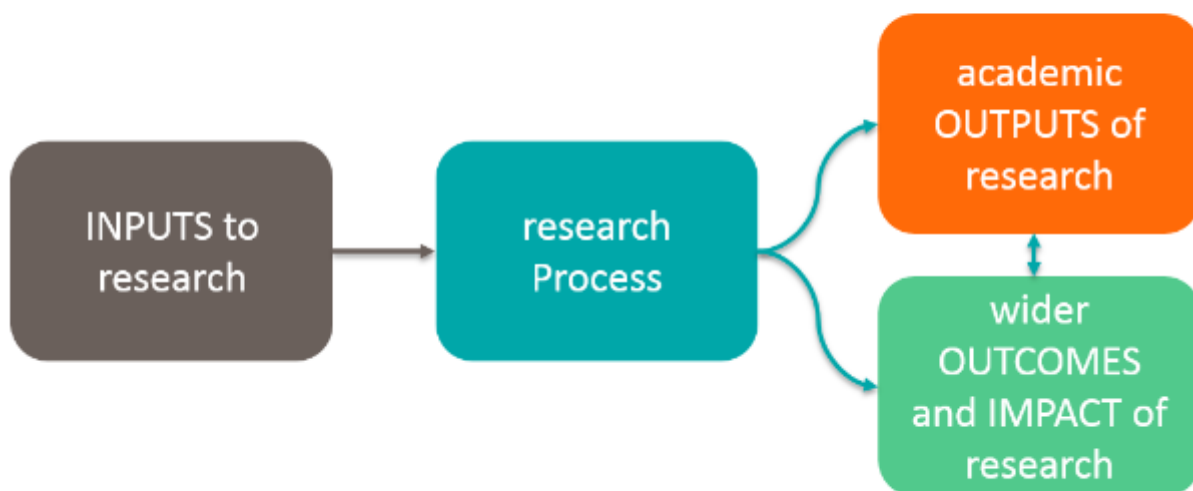


Figure 1 From "[Researchfish: A forward look.](#)" Hinrichs, Saba, Erin Montague, and Jonathan Grant (2015).

## STAR Metrics (USA)

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