

APPENDIX 2: QUALITY EVALUATION 2026 PROPOSED EP SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Researcher circumstances	Contextual summary – Platform of Research	Example of Research Excellence component		Contributions to the Research Environment component
		Examples of Research Excellence	Other Examples of Research Excellence	
No circumstances apply	Yes – character limit to be determined	Three EREs , each comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 1 x core research output (submitted for assessment) › Narrative statement (character limit to be determined) › Up to three supplementary items (optional) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Up to eight OEREs (optional) › Narrative statement linking/contextualising any OEREs (optional) › OEREs may be research outputs or research activities
Researcher has an eligible extraordinary circumstance for six months – four years total during assessment period		Two EREs , each comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 1 x core research output (submitted for assessment) › Narrative statement (character limit to be determined) › Up to three supplementary items (optional) 		
Researcher has an eligible extraordinary circumstance for more than four years total during assessment period		One ERE , comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 1 x core research output (submitted for assessment) › Narrative statement (character limit to be determined) › Up to three supplementary items (optional) 		
Researcher is New and Emerging and met NER criteria from 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2021 - OR - Researcher is employed part-time 0.5 – 0.8 FTE total across assessment period		Option 1	Option 2	A minimum of one and up to ten CREs unless EP is submitted by NER in which case CREs are optional.
		Two EREs , each comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 1 x core research output (submitted for assessment) › Narrative statement (character limit to be determined) › Up to three supplementary items (optional) 	Minimum two and up to three EREs , each comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 1 x core research output (submitted for assessment) › Narrative statement (character limit to be determined) › Up to three supplementary items (optional) 	
Researcher is New and Emerging and met NER criteria from 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2025 - OR - Researcher is employed part-time 0.2 – 0.49 FTE total across assessment period		One ERE , comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 1 x core research output (submitted for assessment) › Narrative statement (character limit to be determined) › Up to three supplementary items (optional). 	Minimum one and up to three EREs , each comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › 1 x core research output (submitted for assessment) › Narrative statement (character limit to be determined) Up to three supplementary items (optional)	