PROFESSORIAL REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE
Citation Data

Professionals who wish to make a case for salary review are required to provide citation data where this is available as part of their case. Providing one’s own citation data should minimise the problem that can arise when others conduct a search, of missing relevant data, for example because of different versions of name spelling, abbreviations of names and different uses of initials.

The University recognises a number of issues with the citation data such as time since publication, discipline variations, nature of output and the database used to produce data. At the same time, it also recognises the growing use of and importance of citation data in higher education. Such data will be used with caution.

The review panel will need information on citations drawn from databases that are regarded as reliable and relevant. We require data from two sources wherever possible. Two accessible sources of data are the Web of Science and Publish or Perish.

1. Web of Science
Web of Science covers a wide range of subjects and now includes citations of proceedings. It has a specialised index for the arts and humanities however please be aware that the search may not identify books. Web of Science is used by HEFCE for REF. Please go to Web of Science and selected Cited Reference Search.

The citation report provides analysis of published items and citations in each year. Results are published by order of citation. The site calculates an $h$ index.

Please use the Citation Report in your application.

2. Publish or Perish
Using this source, it produces an $h$ index and $g$ index, and variations on these, including an age-weighted index. Results are also published by order of citation. It can be downloaded from Harzing.

Please use the Author Impact Analysis facility and submit this data.

Google Scholar covers a wide range of publications including research monographs and text books. For this reason it may be a particularly useful indicator of impact and reputation for those working in non-science areas.

3. Other sources
In addition, if there is another citation index that is specific to your field and is generally regarded in that field as reliable and relevant, please include data. Please provide a note of the reasons for citing this index.

Citation data is only one element of information that will be reviewed; the review panel is aware of the limitations of such data and will take this into account.
In some subject areas, typically in some parts of arts and humanities, research outputs take a variety of forms that may not be captured through citations. The panel will take this also into account. It would be helpful for candidates and/or their Head of Department to draw attention to this when submitting a case.