

Cardiff University

Quality Enhancement Review Action Plan.

The Quality Enhancement Review (QER) takes place every six years, and is the method by which Welsh higher education providers are reviewed by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) under the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales's (HEFCW) Quality Assessment Framework (QAF).

The review team visited the University in February and March 2020 to meet with staff, students, governors, and placement providers.

The review confirmed that:

- Cardiff University **meets** the requirements of the ESG Part 1 for internal quality assurance;
- Cardiff University **meets** the relevant baseline regulatory requirements of the Quality Assessment Framework for Wales;

which means the University has robust arrangements for securing academic standards, managing academic quality, and for enhancing the quality of the student experience.

The review team made no recommendations.

The action plan has been developed jointly between the University and the Students' Union. The development of an action plan following the review visit is an integral part of the QER process.

The implementation of the action plan has been monitored by the Academic Standards and Quality Committee (ASQC) and progress against actions have been included in the Annual Quality Report submitted to Senate and Council.

At its meeting on 9th November 2022, ASQC received final updates on the CUROP. The actions taken in advance of 2022/23 to enhance the CUROP complete the action in the QER action plan, therefore ASQC confirmed that the action plan could be closed [Minute 1424.4].

Commendation:

Commendation	Action	Responsibility	Outcome	Date
Opportunities provided by the Cardiff Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (CUROP) to students to engage with research activities to enhance their learning and future career prospects.	Review the CUROP to ensure that undergraduate can continue to have opportunities to engage with research activities to support their learning and future career prospects.	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience)	<p>The CUROP would run in 2022/23 and a change had been made to the arrangements for its funding; the funding for the programme had been allocated to the Learning and Teaching Academy budget which would secure the funding for the programme for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The CUROP was being enhanced from 2022/23 onwards by asking supervisors to link their placements/projects to specific research themes which would enable alignment with the University's research agenda.</p>	December 2022

Affirmation:

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The steps being taken to implement a revised annual monitoring process that enables a more responsive approach to the review and enhancement of student experience.	<p>The implementation of Annual Review and Enhancement (ARE) in 2019/20 to be reviewed by Academic Standards and Quality Committee (ASQC) by June 2020.</p> <p>The operation of ARE in 2020/21 to be reviewed by ASQC by June 2021.</p>	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education and Student Experience)	ARE provides an effective, efficient and responsive annual monitoring process which enables: the development of actions plans to enhance learning and teaching and the student experience; and the sharing and recognition of good practice.	July 2021