



METRICS FOR FUNDING & GRANT APPLICATIONS

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Most grant applications require applicants to provide information about their **track record** or **research record**. This will most commonly be the track record of each individual researcher(s) on the application, but might also include a section in which the achievements of all of the applicant team as a whole may be presented.

Many applications also require detailed information about the contribution that the applicant or applicants have made to the discipline and some kind of narrative to highlight the significance of the contribution.

Applications typically also ask for evidence of **international standing** or reputation in the field, the ability and/or capacity of the applicant(s) to **collaborate effectively**, including with industry partners as well as national or international academic peers.

Metrics may be able to be used in your application to support your claims in a **quantitative** way.

[Research Information Service](#) staff can assist with creating individual or group metrics reports for you to use.

WHAT METRICS ARE OF VALUE IN A GRANT APPLICATION?

If you have a key publication with a very large number of citations this could be used as evidence to support a claim that your research has set an agenda in your discipline, or was a breakthrough piece of work.

Secondary citations might also be used to demonstrate whether your work has found widespread application beyond your immediate expertise. Likewise, if you have published consistently in journals with impact factors that are considered high for your discipline, then you could provide this information in the application. The proportion of your papers that are not cited may also be an important indicator (*though you may wish to exclude recent publications from this measure*). Other areas of an application where citation metrics may be useful include:

- significance of your research
- collaboration: who is citing your work and where they are from (*by country and/or institution*)

CITATION METRICS FOR GRANTS & FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Citation metrics can provide valuable evidence for the claims you make about the **quality** of your research, its significance, and the extent of your collaboration.

Given the increasing use of citation metrics for research evaluation such as in ERA, and the prevalence of metrics such as h-indices and impact factors within the broader academic community, it would seem that grant application reviewers may expect that applicants will use metrics to **describe the quality profile** of their research.



Further information is available to UQ staff and students in the presentation "[Grant Writing: Using Metrics to Your Advantage](#)" which is housed in the university's UQ eSpace repository.

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