

REF-Manager

Changelog

Version History

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1 Version 4.0.0 – December 2025

“REF 2029 Ready” Release

1.1 Added

1.1.1 O/S/R Rating System

- Three-component decimal ratings (0.00-4.00) for Originality, Significance, Rigour
- Ratings from three sources: Self-Assessment, Internal Panel, Critical Friend
- Nine new model fields for O/S/R ratings
- Computed average properties

1.1.2 DOI Auto-Fetch

- OpenAlex API integration for automatic metadata population
- Auto-populates: title, authors, venue, year, OA status, citations
- Endpoint: /outputs/fetch-doi/

1.1.3 Enhanced Bulk Import

- Three import modes: Hybrid, Smart, Manual
- Duplicate detection by DOI and title
- Auto-link to colleagues via staff_id

1.1.4 Open Access Compliance

- New fields: acceptance_date, deposit_date, embargo_end_date
- OA status tracking (Gold, Green, Hybrid, Bronze, Closed)
- Automatic 3-month deposit rule compliance checking

1.1.5 REF Narrative Statements

- Double-weighting statement field (300 word limit)
- Interdisciplinary statement field (500 word limit)
- Real-time word counting

1.2 Changed

- Output edit form redesigned with card-based layout
- Removed legacy star-rating dropdown fields
- Updated admin configuration

1.3 Fixed

- admin.py: Fixed field references
- forms.py: Removed auto_now_add conflict
- views.py: Fixed related_name issues
- views.py: Fixed OpenAlex API URL format

2 Version 3.1.0 – November 2025

2.1 Added

- Initial O/S/R fields on assignment models
- Risk assessment dashboard
- BibTeX import support

3 Version 3.0.0 – October 2025

3.1 Added

- Multi-user role system
- Internal panel workflow
- Critical friend assignments
- Role-based access control

4 Version 2.0.0 – August 2025

4.1 Added

- CSV bulk import
- Output filtering and search
- Task management system

5 Version 1.0.0 – June 2025

5.1 Initial Release

- Basic output management
- Colleague tracking
- Simple quality ratings

6 Upgrade Notes

6.1 Upgrading to 4.0 from 3.x

1. Backup your database
2. Install requests: `pip install requests`
3. Run migrations: `python manage.py migrate`
4. Replace updated files
5. Collect static: `python manage.py collectstatic`
6. Restart services