



# Grading and Admissions Data for England Research Priorities

## About the dataset

Grading and Admissions Data for England (GRADE) is a linked, de-identified administrative dataset including data from Ofqual, the Department for Education (DfE), and UCAS. It allows accredited researchers to conduct independent research on the educational, assessment, and admission systems in England.

GRADE covers the period 2017-2022. This allows in-depth research and evaluation of grading arrangements in 2020, when exams were cancelled and alternative arrangements were put in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. More broadly, the dataset enables research to enhance the quality of the assessment system and produce evidence to inform future education policy, particularly around the fairness of methods for measuring students' attainment. GRADE also enables research into the impact of the pandemic on the education system.

## Research priorities

Researchers are encouraged to explore the [areas of research interest database](#) to align their project to address evidence gaps and meet policy needs.