Thanks, Laura, and welcome to our ‘What is Research Impact’ online course. It is the first in a four-course pathway to learning how to ‘Identify, Evidence and Narrate Research Impact’. This course will cover all the basics around research impact like why is it important, how has it developed over time and what kind of research impact frameworks exist.

This first course consists of 5 sections and each of the sections is made up of several lessons. A lesson will usually include a video with the main content of that lesson, an accompanying summary and any other relevant materials like a further reading list. In the final section, you will also be given a quiz in order to test your knowledge.

As many others have previously and will be in the future going through this course, feel free to contribute any thoughts on the lessons in the comment section below each lesson. In this way, we hope we can build up a knowledge base and that you have an opportunity to reflect as well as learn from each other.

Every time you finish a section, make sure you press the ‘Mark Complete’ button at the bottom of the page as this will mark your progress throughout the course. You’ll see that every time you finish a lesson, the progress bar on the right side will increase, so you can track how far along in the course you are.

Now let’s get started! Have fun and good luck.