

# External Reporting Assurance

**0.5 bonus points available**

## Rationale

This credit recognizes institutions that engage in a comprehensive data quality and reporting assurance process that includes an external audit before submitting a STARS report.

## Criteria

Institution's STARS assurance process (as documented in the Reporting Assurance credit) includes an external audit by one or more individuals affiliated with other organizations (e.g., a peer institution, third-party contractor, or AASHE).

## Scoring

An institution earns 0.5 bonus points when its STARS assurance process includes an external audit. Partial points are not available.

## Reporting Fields

### Required

- ☐ Did the assurance process for the institution's current STARS submission include an external audit?
- ☐ Is the external audit fully documented in the Reporting Assurance credit?

### Optional

- ☐ Additional documentation to support the submission (upload)
- ☐ Data source(s) and notes about the submission
- ☐ Contact information for a responsible party (a staff member, faculty member, or administrator who can respond to questions regarding the data once it is submitted and available to the public)