

What We Do

We provide confidential advice to all involved in research:

- Individual researchers.
- Representatives of research organisations.
- Members of the public, including research participants.

Since its creation in 2006, UKRIO has amassed considerable and unique experience in helping employers, researchers and the public with issues of research conduct across all subject areas. No other organisation in the UK has comparable expertise in providing such support.

In 2010 alone we helped with more than 60 cases and use of our services continues to grow exponentially each year. Our published guidance has been used or adopted by many research organisations, including over 50 universities, and endorsed by research funders and professional bodies.

If you need advice on good research practice, require guidance about the best way to investigate alleged fraud or misconduct in research, or have any concerns about the conduct of research, contact UKRIO:

01273 234 697 or **helpline@ukrio.org**

Staff at UKRIO may be able to provide guidance directly. Alternatively, callers may be referred to an expert from our Register of Advisers or to an appropriate external body.

The advice we offer is applicable to all subjects. UKRIO is not a regulatory body and has no formal legal powers. Our guidance is not mandatory but reflects best practice in the conduct of research and addressing misconduct.



UK Research Integrity Office

The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) is an independent and not-for-profit advisory body, providing guidance and support on good research practice and how to address misconduct, poor practice and unethical behaviour.

Launched in 2006, we provide assistance to researchers, research organisations and members of the public, covering all disciplines of research.

All requests for our assistance are kept strictly confidential and we welcome enquiries on any issues relating to the conduct of research.

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UK Research Integrity Office Advice and Guidance Services



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We cover all subjects and help all involved in research: members of the public, researchers and research organisations, including universities and NHS bodies.

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Why contact UKRIO?

UKRIO was created to provide independent, expert and confidential advice to anyone with concerns about the conduct of academic, scientific and medical research, whether promoting good practice or addressing poor practice, unethical behaviour and misconduct.

People who have sought our help in the past include:

- Senior staff responsible for creating systems to ensure good research practice or address misconduct.
- Researchers wanting advice on issues of good practice relating to their research.
- Managers who have received an allegation of misconduct in research.
- Researchers requiring guidance on good practice in publication and authorship.
- Participants in a research project who are worried about how that research is being carried out.
- Representatives of organisations wanting assistance with providing training in good research practice.
- Researchers who have been informed that an allegation of misconduct has been made about their research.
- Anyone who has evidence of misconduct in research.

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Advice on misconduct in research

Misconduct in research takes many forms. It can be serious and threaten lives; it can appear trivial but still greatly harm research.

Contact UKRIO for expert advice if you have concerns about:

- **Fabrication** of research data, processes or results.
- **Falsification:** the manipulation of research data, processes and results; also the omission of critical data or results.
- **Misrepresentation** of research data, or of a researcher's interests or involvement.
- **Plagiarism:** the unauthorised use of, or representation of, another person's material as one's own original work.
- **Research that may be causing unreasonable risk or harm to:**
 - humans, including research participants and patients.
 - animals used in research.
 - the environment.

Confidentiality

All calls and emails to UKRIO are confidential. Calls will not be recorded. Only those details agreed will be passed to an Adviser. No other parties will be informed, unless clear evidence of criminal activity has been presented.

Advice on good practice in research

UKRIO also provides guidance on all issues of good practice in research, including:

- Promoting good research practice.
- Education and training for researchers and research students.
- Issues relating to specific research projects.
- Creating or revising institutional systems to ensure good practice in research and address misconduct.
- Resolving disputes over authorship of research articles.
- Other issues of publication ethics.

Register of Advisers

UKRIO draws upon its Registers of Advisers to offer guidance on the best ways to ensure good practice in research and address poor practice and misconduct.

Advisers offer guidance on general issues and specific cases and are also available to assist in institutional investigations of misconduct on request. Our Advisers bring an external, skilled and experienced perspective to investigations and can help reassure all involved that the process will be thorough and fair.



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