

About Us

UKRIO gives independent and expert guidance on the conduct of academic, scientific and medical research. We promote the good governance, management and conduct of research, share good practice on how to address fraud and misconduct, and give confidential and expert advice on specific cases.

In 2010 alone we helped with more than 60 cases and use of our services continues to grow exponentially each year. Our publications have been used or adopted by many organisations, including over 50 universities.

Although UKRIO was created to provide support to the UK life sciences research community, demand from organisations and researchers led us to support all academic disciplines from soon after our inception. No other organisation in the UK has comparable expertise in providing such support and we cover all disciplines and types of research.

UKRIO is not a regulatory body and has no formal legal powers. The guidance we offer is not mandatory but reflects best practice in addressing issues of research conduct.



UK Research Integrity Office



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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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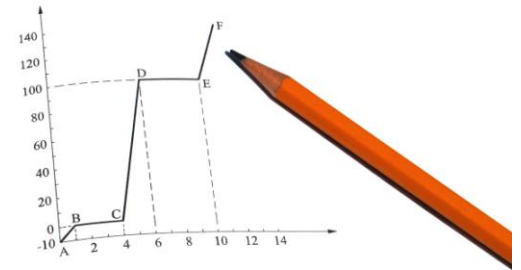
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UK Research Integrity Office Promoting integrity in research



The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) is an independent, not-for-profit body which provides expert advice and guidance about the conduct of research.

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

All requests for our assistance are kept strictly confidential and we welcome enquiries on any issues relating to the conduct of research, whether promoting good research practice or investigating cases of alleged fraud and misconduct.

What We Do

UKRIO's aim is to provide a comprehensive service in support of research integrity to the research community. We welcome enquiries from research organisations, individual researchers and members of the public.

Advice and Guidance Services

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

In 2010 alone we helped with more than 60 cases. The advice we offer is applicable to all subjects and no other organisation in the UK has comparable expertise in providing such support.

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

01273 234 697 or helpline@ukrio.org

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.

What We Do

Procedure for the Investigation of Misconduct in Research

The Procedure is a step-by-step manual for the investigation of allegations of misconduct in research, applicable to all subject areas. It has been used by research organisations – including more than 50 universities - endorsed by funding bodies and used to investigate cases of fraud and misconduct.

Use of the Procedure can ensure that important issues are not missed and investigations are:

- Thorough, objective and driven by strong principles
- Carried out with fairness to all concerned and in a confidential and timely manner.
- Flexible to the circumstances of individual cases..

The Procedure is available free of charge on our website www.ukrio.org

Education and Training

UKRIO is working with universities and other bodies to provide education and training in the principles of good practice in research and the use of our published guidance by staff in research organisations.

The training includes specific elements designed to meet the needs of researchers, managers and administrators who could have a role in promoting good practice in research and investigating allegations of misconduct.

For further details contact UKRIO.

What We Do

Code of Practice for Research

The Code is a reference tool to support researchers and organisations in the conduct of research of the highest quality. Published in 2009, it has been used or adopted by many research organisations, including over 50 universities, and endorsed by funding and other bodies.

Drawing upon UKRIO's unique and extensive experiences in promoting good research practice and addressing poor practice and misconduct, the Code provides principles and standards for researchers and research organisations. It also includes a Recommended Checklist for Researchers: a one-page, non-technical checklist for the key points of good practice in research.

Applicable to all disciplines, organisations can use the Code as a benchmark when drafting or revising their own codes of practice, or adopt it in full or in part.

Use of the Code can assist in fulfilling the requirements of regulatory, funding and other bodies and ensure that important issues have not been overlooked.

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