

## Subscriber Prospectus 2024/25

Subscriber benefits Work programme

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## About us

Since 2006, UKRIO has provided independent and expert support to help enhance good research practice, address mistakes, questionable practices and fraud, and improve the culture and systems of UK research.

UKRIO is a registered charity (no. 1147061) established in 2006 to provide independent support on research integrity to the UK research community and the public.

We promote and support good research practice and related topics such as research culture, research ethics, research governance, integrity in research design and collaborative research, and good practice in publication and authorship. As an advisory body, we help to direct organisations and the public to regulatory bodies when issues fall within their jurisdiction - and fill gaps where no overall regulation might apply.

Our close working relationships within the research sector through our subscriber network, expert Advisory Council and volunteer community, and Board of Trustees ensure we understand and can be responsive to the practical challenges involved in maintaining and advancing research integrity.

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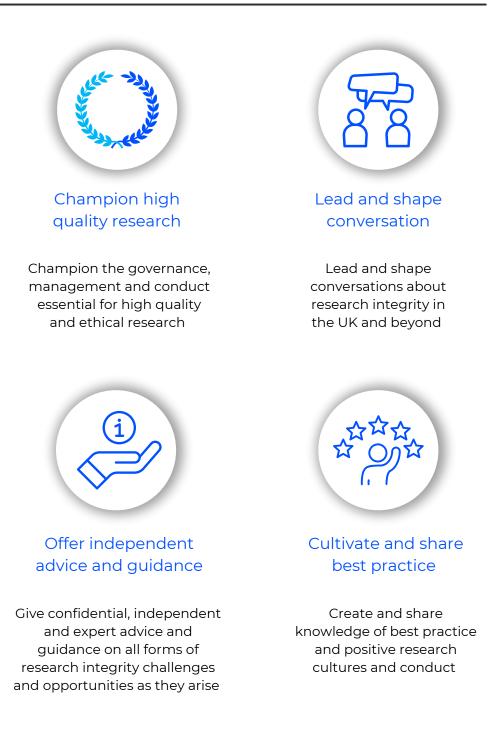
Since its establishment UKRIO has been at the heart of the UK's efforts to support research integrity. In recent years the UK has made major strides in ensuring that its researchers have the skills and tools to undertake rigorous, reliable, robust and transparent research and that its institutions are able to support staff and students and handle instances of misconduct appropriately. This success would not have been possible without the support provided by UKRIO.

#### **Research Integrity Lead**

Russell Group University & UKRIO Subscriber Institution

## Our mission

UKRIO's vision is that through our activities, the UK research community is supported to produce work of the highest integrity, quality and efficacy.





## Who we support

UKRIO's remit spans all disciplines of research and sectors: from higher education, the NHS, private sector organisations and the third sector - wherever research affects the public good.

As part of this role, UKRIO facilitates a growing and ambitious network of <u>130+ subscribing research</u> <u>organisations</u> committed to research integrity, from higher education institutions to government bodies, charities, social enterprises and learned societies. Our subscribers receive in-depth, long-term and practical support to authentically embed and advance a culture of research integrity, with access to services and guidance tailored to senior leadership teams, researchers, professional services staff, technicians, and beyond.

### Examples of our subscribers include:

Higher education institutions	100+ higher education institutions, including all Russell Group universities, multi-disciplinary universities across the UK, and specialist institutions such as the University of the Arts London, and Rose Bruford College of Theatre & Performance.
Independent research institutes	The Sainsbury Laboratory, CRUK Scotland Institute, Plymouth Marine Laboratory and the James Hutton Institute.
Government bodies	Science Foundation Ireland, UK Ministry of Defence Research Ethics Committee (MODREC), National Physical Laboratory and UK Health Security Agency.
Charities and social enterprises	Nesta, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Health Data Research UK, RAND Europe, The Institute of Cancer Research and Health Foundation.
Learned societies	The Royal Society, The British Academy.



## CEO introduction



It is my great privilege to lead UKRIO at an important time in its evolution – and an important time for research integrity. From the upcoming Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2029 to the rise of AI, there is much on the horizon and much for us to do together to safeguard and promote the integrity of research.

My vision for the charity is to deepen, improve and expand the support it has provided the research community since its inception in 2006. Key to this is ensuring UKRIO is responsive to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead and focuses its efforts on the emerging and thorny issues where our deep expertise and trusted voice can make a difference, both at the institutional and sector level.

In my first months in post, I and my team have focused on identifying what the pressing issues and needs of our community are and how UKRIO can best support. I am grateful to the many colleagues across the research ecosystem who have helped to inform our priorities for the year ahead – and I am delighted to share with you the result of this effort: our 2024/25 work programme. Though this plan is not intended to be comprehensive, I hope that it serves to provide a clear view of our forthcoming activities and our firm commitment to championing research integrity in an ever-evolving and increasingly complex field.

On behalf of all at UKRIO, thank you for your continued support and commitment to research integrity, without which our work could not continue. I look forward to working together over the coming year to ensure integrity remains at the heart of UK research.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Neave

Chief Executive Officer UK Research Integrity Office

## 2024-25 subscriber benefits

Our charity provides in-depth and long-term advice and guidance for its subscribers, supporting a network of 130+ organisations from across the research ecosystem.

### Getting the most out of your UKRIO subscription

As a subscriber, your organisation will be assigned a key contact at UKRIO. Your contact will offer to meet with you on a twice-yearly basis to discuss your challenges and successes and offer practical advice and support. They will also help keep you informed of the UKRIO resources, training, and events available to you and your colleagues.

### Subscriber benefits: at a glance

Information, advice, and guidance (IAG)	<ul> <li>Practical support and guidance on key topics</li> <li>Thought leadership and IAG - with a focus for 2024/25 on artificial intelligence, research misconduct, authorship, and research culture</li> <li>Access to our confidential advisory service</li> </ul>
Events programme	<ul> <li>Five webinars from speakers around the world</li> <li>Quarterly roundtables to dissect complex issues and collaboratively develop solutions</li> <li>Annual Subscriber Symposium to hear from leading experts and share good practice</li> </ul>
Training and education	<ul> <li>Access to online training</li> <li>Quarterly training webinars on research integrity, responsible research and innovation, research ethics, and authorship</li> <li>One hour of virtual training/consultancy</li> <li>Discounted rates on further bespoke training</li> </ul>
Exclusive resources	<ul> <li>Access to our subscriber-only portal, with exclusive case studies, toolkits and guidance</li> <li>Regular subscriber newsletters summarising the latest developments in research integrity</li> </ul>





# Information, advice and guidance

Practical guidance and support Policy review Thought leadership Priority workstreams Advisory service

## Information, advice and guidance



Our practical guidance and services are available to everyone involved in research at your organisation, from your senior leadership team to those just starting their research careers.

### Support addressing and preventing research misconduct

We provide assistance in developing and implementing the appropriate systems and processes to address research misconduct. Subscribers can also request expert assistance with investigations of alleged misconduct.

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### Practical advice on promoting a culture of research integrity

We can support you on a range of research culture activities to align with the requirements of the Concordat to Support Research Integrity. This includes leading awarenessraising sessions, assisting with the development of research governance, management, and ethics systems, and providing advice on embedding a culture of research integrity in practice.

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### Assistance with policy review

UKRIO offers assistance in the development or revision of any research integrity related policies and procedures. We can provide templates and models for you to adapt or review your policies as an independent expert. Examples include: Institutional Codes of Practice, Misconduct Procedures and standard operating procedures for Research Ethics Committees. Please note that medium to large review projects may be chargeable.



### Advice on research practice for staff and research students

Subscribers can seek specific help on challenging areas of research practice. This can include key issues in the research process, such as consent, ethics, or authorship in research outputs. We also advise on the use of emerging technologies such as AI in research and the complexities of multi-disciplinary and international collaborations.





### Over the coming year we will be focussing on:

- Four key thematic areas: artificial intelligence, research misconduct, authorship disputes and research culture
- Expanding the tailored guidance and support we provide to different audiences, disciplines and sectors in particular, enhancing our outputs for researchers and senior leaders, the arts and humanities, the third and the public sector
- Reviewing and updating our core publications, including:



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Procedure for the Investigation of Misconduct in Research

We will review and update our essential reference tool to support researchers and research organisations in the conduct of research to the highest quality and standards. Based on the findings of our <u>recent</u> <u>report</u>, we will update UKRIO's stepby-step manual for research misconduct investigations, designed to act as a template for research organisations.



Self-Assessment Tool for the Concordat to Support Research Integrity

In line with planned updates to the Condcordat, we will revise our tool to help research organisations know where and how they should revise their systems, policies and practices to adhere to the Concordat to Support Research Integrity.



Framework for Research Ethics Support and Review

We will review and update our joint publication with the Association of Research Managers and Administrators (ARMA), setting out benchmark policies and processes for research ethics committees.

## Thought leadership



On behalf of its subscribers and the research community, UKRIO strives to inform and shape the national conversation on research integrity, ensuring it remains high on the agenda.

In 2024/25, UKRIO will continue its efforts in this regard through strategic engagement with other research integrity bodies, crosssector working groups, publishers, funders and government bodies.

As a trusted and recognised voice for research integrity, UKRIO:

- Champions the importance of research integrity for both the research community and wider society
- Convenes actors from across the research ecosystem to collectively devise solutions and strategies to pressing and emerging research integrity issues
- Shares insights from practitioners with policymakers, funders, and other stakeholders to help them consider how policy initiatives are effectively translated into practice

In 2024/25, we will focus on four key workstreams (see pages <u>12-20</u>), as well as continuing to advocate for advances in research ethics, governance, and culture and responding to emerging issues. We will also provide research integrity expertise and input into regional, national and international initiatives, including the forthcoming revision to the Concordat to Support Research Integrity and the REF 2029.

The Concordat to Support Research Integrity, the UK's governing document for Research Integrity, was developed and revised with the assistance of UKRIO, and it recognises our charity as an essential part of the architecture for research quality.

In 2024/25, UKRIO will support the ongoing development of the Concordat by contributing to its forthcoming review and enhancing the practical support we provide research organisations to operationalise this vital guidance on research integrity. We will also explore, through the revision process and other means, how uptake of the Concordat can be increased across all sectors of UK research.

## Priority workstreams

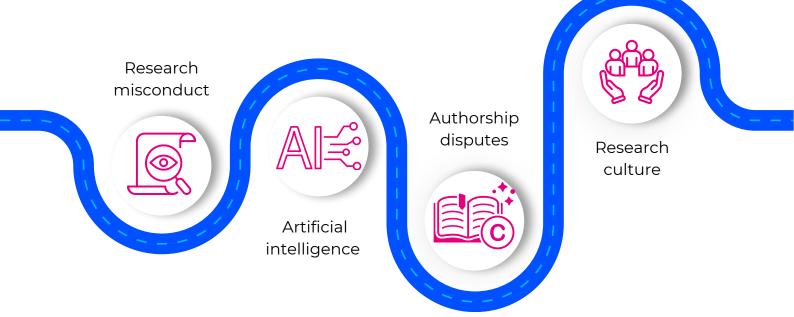


We want to make sure that UKRIO focuses its efforts on the emerging and thorny issues where our deep expertise and trusted voice can make a difference, both at the institutional and community level.

Our priority workstreams for 2024/25 have been developed following extensive consultation and engagement with stakeholders on where we can most meaningfully support the community.

Alongside our thematic work, we will continue to be responsive to opportunities and challenges that may arise inyear, as well as advocate for research ethics, governance and culture more broadly.

In 2024/25, four priority workstreams are as follows:



## 1. Research misconduct



Research misconduct can have a chilling effect on the validity of, and confidence in, research. That confidence is the currency of decision for funders and investors, for researchers building on other work in their field and for politicians and the public determining what to trust.

Our recent report, *Barriers to Investigating and Reporting Research Misconduct*, identified researchers, employers, funders and publishers alike felt a lack of clarity and confidence - and a wider need for culture change - in respect to how research misconduct cases are investigated and reported.

It also found that there are immediate steps that can be taken to reduce the barriers to effective investigations and improve the experience for all parties.

In 2024/25, we will begin to implement those steps. In doing so, our aim is to help make the process of investigating and reporting research misconduct more effective and improve the experience of whistleblowers, respondents and organisations. The report makes four key proposals for the research community to respond to these challenges together:

- The adoption of standardised requirements and procedures detailing how allegations of research misconduct are investigated and reported
- Professional research misconduct investigation training for all sectors undertaking research
- A flagging system that promotes transparency, destigmatises allegations of research misconduct, and normalises early raising of concerns
- National infrastructure to collect and report on research misconduct cases annually

We will also be actively exploring partnerships to deliver other recommendations from the report, including the development of training in research misconduct investigations, an annual report on the issues that contribute to poor research practices and misconduct, as well as standardised funder requirements and procedures detailing how allegations are investigated and reported.



## Research misconduct: key activities

1	Advocate and provide guidance on shifting to systems and language that destigmatise and normalise raising concerns.
2	Clarify data protection and legal considerations relating to sharing data from misconduct investigations.
3	Use the findings of <i>Barriers to Investigating and Reporting Research</i> <i>Misconduct</i> to inform the forthcoming review of the Concordat to Support Research Integrity.
4	Revise UKRIO Procedure for the Investigation of Misconduct in Research to a universal template for all types of research organisations.
5	Update other UKRIO guidance on research misconduct to reflect the recommendations of <i>Barriers to Investigating and Reporting Research Misconduct</i> .

### Sector outcomes and benefits

- Organisations are better equipped to navigate the complexities of research misconduct investigations, particularly those involving multiple institutions or sectors
- Researchers feel empowered to raise concerns early and with a lower risk of stigmatisation
- Involved parties have a greater confidence in organisational processes to report and address research misconduct

## 2. Artificial intelligence



Increasingly used to augment and accelerate research, Al poses both potential benefits and risks for research integrity. UKRIO's work on artificial intelligence will involve exploring topics such as Assistive AI, Interpretive AI, Generative AI and AI's function in research governance.

Al is having a transformative effect on research, presenting new opportunities as it becomes an increasingly accessible and utilised tool. However, there are questions and challenges on its safe, rigorous and ethical use.

As a recent <u>Royal Society report</u> noted, "A growing body of irreproducible studies are raising concerns regarding the robustness of Al-based discoveries... Furthermore, [Al's] widespread but inequitable adoption raises ethical questions regarding its environmental and societal impact. Yet, ongoing advancements in making Al systems more transparent and ethically aligned hold the promise of overcoming these challenges."

In 2024/25, UKRIO will build on its existing work on AI and research integrity as one of our four key workstreams. We will produce information, advice and guidance on AI in research that helps our subscribers address the complex challenges that they and their researchers are facing. UKRIO's work on AI will involve exploring topics such as:

**Assistive AI:** what safeguards should be in place to ensure that both researchers and research participants are aware of how AI might be influencing people and their decisions?

**Interpretative AI**: how can the research community ensure that data analysis performed using AI is reproducible? What should be the transparency requirements for AI methods and how can researchers account for evolving AI capabilities that may prevent reproducibility?

**Generative AI:** what are the acceptable and unacceptable uses of AI in the dissemination and communication of research?

Al in research governance: how might Al be used in governance and ethics to safeguard and enhance research integrity?

## Artificial intelligence: key activities

1	Convene a roundtable event on AI and research to discuss the issues affecting the research community and how to effect solutions for them.
2	Create and disseminate a 'Train the Trainer' toolkit providing practical guidance for researchers, improving their knowledge of this complex issue and equipping them to utilise AI with integrity.
3	Publish practical, in-depth guidance on AI and research integrity, informed by detailed knowledge of subscriber needs from multiple virtual events.
4	Ensure UKRIO's understanding and knowledge of AI remains on the cutting edge so that we stand ready to provide expert information, advice and guidance as the field advances.

#### Sector outcomes and benefits

- Organisations and researchers have a better understanding of current and emerging challenges and opportunities relating to AI in research
- Organisations feel confident they have policies and systems in place to set standards for the involvement of AI in research and to respond to complex challenges which can arise
- Researchers understand how to apply principles of research integrity to projects which involve AI ensuring their work remains rigorous, honest, transparent, accountable and conducted with respect and for the benefit of society

## 3. Authorship disputes



Authorship plays a critical role in research, conferring credit for the work alongside responsibility and accountability for the research record. Disputes and complexities in authorship can have a significant negative impact on the research record, researchers and research culture.

Authorship and contributorship in research is, in theory, straightforward. In practice, this essential element of the research process can often become a complicated matter which harms the research record. Poor resolution of authorship disputes and other challenges also negatively impact researcher wellbeing and career progression, as well as damaging organisational research culture.

This is reflected in our advisory service data, where 23% of all enquiries UKRIO received in 2023 relate to authorship. <u>Surveys on</u> <u>research integrity training by</u> <u>Springer Nature and partners</u> identified guidance on authorship as one of the of the top 10 most desired topics for further training. In 2024/25, UKRIO will explore solutions for the challenges that often arise in relation to authorship and work collaboratively with the research community to develop strategies which encourage adoption of such practices.

We will also use these discussions to facilitate broader conversations about the impact of authorship on researchers, the research community and the research environment – the people, talent, and culture which underpins the wider research system.



1	Collaboratively develop strategies with actors from across the research ecosystem to address and prevent common challenges that can arise.
2	Provide guidance and model procedures to support research organisations anticipate, mitigate and resolve authorship challenges, as well as utilise authorship to foster a more positive research culture.
3	Develop and share template authorship agreement to act as a preventative measure (i.e. for researchers to agree contributions at the start of a project).

#### Sector outcomes and benefits

- Research organisations and researchers have greater understanding of good practice in authorship and are equipped with practical tools to prevent and resolve disputes
- Improved organisational systems for supporting good authorship practices
- Greater synergies between organisational, publisher and funder systems relating to good authorship practices

## 4. Research culture



Research culture is an essential factor in ensuring quality and ethical standards and in improving public trust in research. Just as a healthy research culture can enhance research integrity, unhealthy environments and systems can create and exacerbate challenges for researchers and organisations.

A culture with a focus on integrity and ethical behaviours has rightly been <u>identified by Government</u> and others as essential for quality research and innovation. Environments and systems for research must enrich research integrity, rather than inadvertently harm it.

Research culture is a key theme in all of our workstreams for 2024/25, informing our activities on addressing research misconduct, practical support for AI and research integrity, and our work on authorship disputes. Improving research culture also informs our training activities and underpins our interactions with our subscribers, for whom we provide a wide variety of support to safeguard and enhance their research environments, including advice on specific problems, implementation of research integrity champion networks and awareness-raising activities.

In 2024/25, UKRIO will undertake additional, dedicated activities to effect positive change in research systems, environments and culture.

In April 2024 UKRIO held a roundtable on the topic of research culture. Participants set out to discuss three aspects of research culture:

- Adaptability and change: What is the incentive to adopt a positive research culture?
- Awareness: How do you raise awareness of research culture policies across your organisations?
- Recognition and rewards: Should "champion" roles be added to job descriptions and promotion opportunities?

Following the meeting, we shared a resource summarising the key themes and discussion points, and actionable suggestions.





## Research culture: key activities

1Provide an ongoing programme of practical tools, including case studies,<br/>factsheets, and infographics, to support researchers at every level to embody<br/>the values of a positive research culture.2Publish guidance for senior leadership roles on improving research culture.3Provide expert advice to help organisations embed best practice in research<br/>policies, systems, environment and culture.

4 Collaborate with research organisations to determine the most effective ways to enhance and measure research integrity. Develop a support programme to implement these strategies throughout the research community.

### Sector outcomes and benefits

- Researchers have a greater understanding of research culture and how it can influence both researcher behaviour and research, and have practical tools to help improve their research environment
- Senior leaders have a greater understanding of the importance of research culture and are equipped to implement constructive measures to safeguard and enhance research culture throughout their organisation
- Organisations feel more confident that their research systems, policies, environment and culture promote high quality and ethical research

## Advisory service



Since its inception, UKRIO has offered independent, expert, and confidential advice on the conduct of research and made this service freely accessible to all.

Every year, the charity fields enquiries from every sector of UK research, as well as from other countries, on topics ranging from fabrication and falsification of data to research ethics, publication and authorship issues and matters of research governance.

This not only acts as a critical service for the research community, but also gives UKRIO exceptional insight into challenges to research integrity at the individual, organisational and national level. Learnings from the advisory service have supported the charity to contribute extensively to national discussions on research integrity and the development of initiatives, including the 2022 enquiry by the UK Parliament's Science, Innovation & Technology Committee into reproducibility and research integrity.

When enquiries require subject specialist knowledge, we draw input from our community of expert volunteers.

### Our expert advisory community

UKRIO draws on our Advisory Council and wider volunteer community to ensure we are informed by diverse expertise and perspectives.

Our Advisory Community is made up of over 35 volunteer advisers who play a vital role in our activities.

Advisers are recruited based on their experience and come from a variety of backgrounds. These include, for example:

- Researchers from a range of academic disciplines
- Senior research managers
- Professional services staff, administrators and managers
- Academic journals editors
- Publication ethics specialists
- Regulatory, funding or professional body representatives
- Research ethics specialists
- Research integrity officers
- Others working on good research practice, research culture and related issues, whether formally, as peer support, or at grassroots level





## Training programme

Training webinars Online courses Consultancy Bespoke services

## Training programme

High quality training and education are a core part of UKRIO's mission.

We strive to ensure our events and training offer exceptional value for money - and, as a not-for-profit, all revenue made is reinvested into fulfilling our charitable purpose.

In 2024/25, UKRIO subscriptions will include the introduction of new training benefits:

- Quarterly training webinars for your researchers and research professionals
- Ongoing access to Introduction to Research Integrity pilot course until April 2025 (wider rollout to be determined after pilot)
- The development of Research Ethics online training modules
- One hour of virtual training services to meet your individual organisational needs
- Discounted bespoke training on a broad range of topics

### Training webinars

Your researchers and research professionals will have access to quarterly training webinars on a range of research integrity related topics.

Our 2024/25 programme of virtual training webinars is as follows:



## Online training courses



As part of your subscription, you have been offered access to UKRIO's pilot online training course, which will run until April 2025. This pilot will inform the content and delivery of our introductory course as well as the development of new online training materials.

#### Introduction to Research Integrity

Research Integrity training is increasingly a mandatory requirement for receipt of grant funding from many funders.

It is also a key way to promote and enhance positive research cultures and environments, which for higher education providers will receive greater focus in the upcoming Research Excellence Framework (REF) in 2029.

Many institutions have noted in discussions with UKRIO that making research integrity training courses mandatory for all researchers (junior and senior levels) has helped to get key messages on research culture across to research leaders, who then embed that learning in their teams.

#### Pilot roll-out

In April 2024, UKRIO offered subscribers access to a 12-month pilot of its <u>Introduction to Research</u> <u>Integrity</u> online training course, developed in collaboration with UCL.

The introductory course covers:

- What research integrity means and why it matters
- The approach to research integrity in the UK
- What it means to lead by example and how to build an environment with a good research integrity culture

Over the coming year, UKRIO will evaluate the course, with a view – subject to a successful pilot – to develop and improve the content and functionality for wider roll-out from April 2025 onward.

#### New for 2024/25: Research Ethics: online training

In 2024/25, UKRIO will also expand its online training offer by developing a series of introductory and specialist research ethics training modules. This will cover topics such as:

- Principles and theories of ethics
- Ethics governance
- Developing ethical research

We anticipate the earliest roll-out of these new modules will be Summer 2025.

## Training consultancy



As part of your subscription, your organisation will have access to one hour of consultancy, advice, or live training per annum. UKRIO is also able to offer discounted bespoke training to meet your organisational needs.

We recognise that your organisation will have unique training needs. As part of your annual subscription, you will receive one hour of consultancy, advice, or live training per annum.

This hour can be used for:

- **Consultancy/advice** from our expert staff to support you to develop and deliver training or wider research integrity activities.
- Case study workshop
- A virtual training session from our expert staff on one of the topics listed. The format of these sessions will be a 30 minute presentation followed by 30 minutes for Q&A.

#### Virtual training session topics:

- Introduction to research integrity (taught session)
- Implementing the Concordat to Support Research Integrity
- Organisational strategies to enhance research culture
- Research integrity champions and advisors
- Research integrity and research culture for senior leadership teams
- Investigating research misconduct
- Publication ethics and authorship in research
- Research design and conduct for researchers

## Subscriber discounts



Your subscription entitles you to discounted virtual induction and refresher training in research ethics as well as discounted rates for further bespoke training and event speakers.

#### Research ethics training

### For Research Ethics Committee (REC) members

Your subscription entitles your organisation to discounted access to virtual induction and refresher training for chairs and members of research ethics committees. These sessions cover all aspects of a REC's work plus practical insights from highly experienced trainers.

#### For research staff

Subscribers can also access virtual training in research ethics for research staff at a similar discounted rate.

Discounted subscriber cost: **£950** for a three-hour session for up to 10 attendees (30% off the full rate of £1,330).

#### **Bespoke training**

UKRIO also offers bespoke training, responsive to the needs of your organisation, with discounted rates available to subscribers.

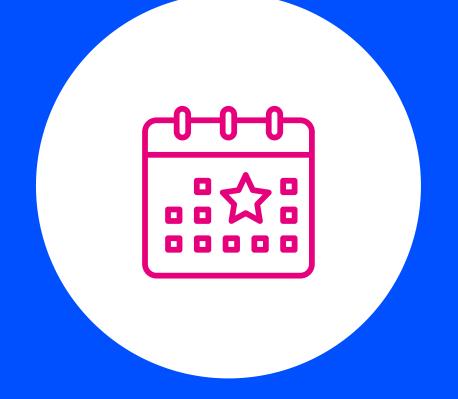
#### **Requests for expert speakers**

UKRIO accepts subscriber requests for speakers at research-related events, such as academic conferences, university seminars, research ethics workshops, professional development sessions, industry symposiums and training sessions focused on responsible conduct in research.

All training and consultancy sessions are subject to trainer availability.

To request a speaker or enquire about bespoke training, please visit our website and use our <u>training/speaker request form.</u>





## Events programme

Webinars Roundtables Symposiums

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## Webinars

Our popular webinar series aims to showcase novel approaches to existing challenges and catalyse meaningful dialogue on topical issues.

UKRIO's webinars regularly feature leading experts from across the ecosystem and around the world – from research institutes to funders, publishers, and learned societies – and platform diverse perspectives and experiences relating to research integrity.

Previous events have covered topics such as:

- Artificial intelligence and ethics review
- Co-production and participant involvement
- Decolonisation in research
- Implementing the Concordat to Support Research Integrity
- Open research practices
- Publication ethics and authorship
- Research data management
- Social media research and ethics

### Save the date: 2024/25 webinars

- Wednesday 9th October 2024 10am - 11am
- **Tuesday 3rd December 2024** 10am - 11am
- Wednesday 5th February 2025 10am - 11am



Wednesday 25th June 2025

### Can't make it on the day?

You and your researchers can access our extensive library of recorded sessions any time via the <u>UKRIO subscriber portal.</u>



## Roundtables



UKRIO facilitates quarterly roundtable discussions, convening a range of research actors to dissect complex issues, share good practice and pool expertise to develop creative solutions together.

Our virtual roundtables provide an opportunity for stakeholders to come together to discuss and collaborate, as well as shape and inform UKRIO's thought leadership efforts.

Previous roundtable topics have included:

- Al and research integrity
- Research misconduct
- Research ethics
- Research culture

#### Save the date: 2024-25 roundtables



#### New for 2024/25

To facilitate meaningful opportunities for contribution, we will be increasing the number of attendees to 45 per meeting.

Our roundtable events are popular so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Outcomes and discussion summaries will be disseminated to subscribers who are unable to attend.





## Subscriber symposium

Every year, we hold an exclusive day for our subscribers to hear from leading experts, share experiences and good practice and input into UKRIO's future priorities.

At our last event, we featured our latest report, *Barriers to investigating and reporting research misconduct.* 

We were honoured to have keynote speeches from Professor Dame Jessica Corner, Executive Director of Research England, and Tracey Brown OBE, Director of Sense About Science, on the topic, "The big and small changes to improve research quality."

The event also included a panel discussion with expert speakers from across the research ecosystem, including Professor Rachael Gooberman-Hill, Co-Chair of the UK Committee on Research Integrity, and Dr. Ed Gerstner, Director of Research Environment Alliances at Springer Nature. Previous annual conferences have featured distinguished speakers such as:

- Dr Elisabeth Bik, winner of the 2021 John Maddox Prize
- Petra Boynton, Author of The Research Companion and On Being Well in Academia
- Professor Dame Ottoline Leyser DBE FRS, Chief Executive, UK Research and Innovation
- Ivan Oransky, Co-founder of Retraction Watch
- Sir Patrick Vallance, Government Chief Scientific Adviser



2025 Subscriber Symposium

Thursday 22nd May 2025





## Exclusive resources

Subscriber portal Case studies Toolkits Newsletters

## Exclusive resources



Subscribers can access an exclusive online portal with a library of resources and our quarterly subscriber newsletter summarising key research integrity developments.



#### **Online portal**

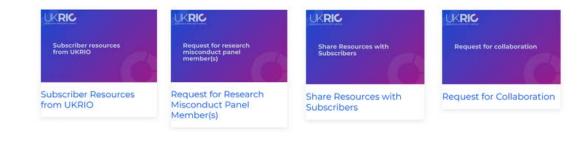
Through our online subscriberonly portal, you can access exclusive resources, guidance, tools and case studies (designed for trainers as well as trainees), as well as on-demand webinars and training from influential speakers.

#### **Request expert panel members**

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#### Enablers and inhibitors to research integrity

This week sees the launch of **Enablers and Inhibitors of Research Integrity**, a new addition to the evidence base for research integrity. The study, carried out by URRIO in partnership with the UK Reproducibility Network and the Solence Policy Research Unit of the University of Sussex, explores the evidence for systemic factors that may enable or inhibit research integrity and was commissioned by the UK Committee on Research Integrity.



## Thank you for your support

Research integrity is essential to enhance quality and ethical standards, safeguard public trust in research, and ensure societal benefit. UKRIO provides a unique resource for the research community: independent, expert and confidential support to help organisations continually improve research systems and culture, and to help researchers do the best research that they can.

Our aim is the more systematic and visible promotion and demonstration of integrity in research. UKRIO's work goes beyond what can be achieved through contractual standards and complements the work of regulatory, professional, and funding bodies. We recognise that no single actor can resolve the systemic issues at play and work collaboratively both nationally and internationally to address the complex and everchanging challenges to good research practice.

As demand on resources continues to grow and challenges to research integrity evolve, this is a pivotal time for UKRIO to do even more to enhance the reliability of research and safeguarding public trust.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we will continue to advance and promote research integrity and responsible research in the UK and beyond.

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