



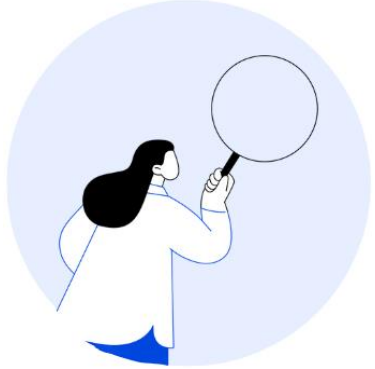
Connect with UKRIO

10 September 2025

We will begin shortly

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Welcome to **Connect with UKRIO**, a new quarterly event series.

These sessions offer an opportunity to:

- **Engage** with the UKRIO team
- **Hear** project updates
- **Learn** about upcoming opportunities to get involved
- **Ask** questions and provide input into our work

Future sessions this year:

- **11 Feb '26**: Presenting UKRIO's 2025-2030 strategy
- **8 July '26**: Feedback to shape UKRIO's future work

Housekeeping



About our work

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What we do

Our vision

Through our activities, the UK research community is supported to produce work of the highest integrity, quality and efficacy.



Champion high
quality research

Champion the governance,
management and conduct
essential for high quality
and ethical research



Lead and shape
conversation

Lead and shape
conversations about
research integrity in
the UK and beyond



Offer independent
advice and guidance

Give confidential, independent
and expert advice and
guidance on all forms of
research integrity challenges
and opportunities as they arise



Cultivate and share
best practice

Create and share
knowledge of best practice
and positive research
cultures and conduct

How we do it



Confidential Advisory Service

Confidential and independent advice to all individuals and organisations on research integrity matters



Information and Guidance

Ever-growing hub of information and guidance to support everyone involved in research, from senior leaders to early-career researchers



Training and Education

Training and consultancy, both in person and virtually, tailored to different contexts and audiences



Thought Leadership and Community-building

Convening partners across the research ecosystem to connect, share expertise, and help shape practical responses to emerging and pressing issues

How we work

Stakeholder engagement is central to our approach, helping us to:

- focus on the sector's most pressing needs;
- ensure our information, advice, and guidance is grounded in real-world practice and experience.



Our work is shaped by – and designed to serve – the research community in all its diversity

We are powered by your insight, commitment, and expertise.

Our work would not be possible without **the active involvement of the research community**.

Alongside our core team, UKRIO draws strength from:

- our network of 150+ subscriber organisations,
- the strategic input of our Board of Trustees,
- and the input of our Advisory Council and expert community.

Stakeholder consultation

In May 2025, we invited stakeholders across the research ecosystem to:

- provide feedback on our work to date;
- flag the key challenges for research integrity;
- and input into how we can best support you.

This feedback has not only enabled us to reflect on our impact and areas for improvement but also shape our work programme for the year ahead.



Top priorities

Topics ranked in order of priority by stakeholders, on a scale of 1 to 7 (n=179)



Other suggestions noted in open text boxes included:

- Navigating international or interdisciplinary research collaborations
- The impact of the challenging environment e.g., mental health and wellbeing in research environments
- Research ethics in specific settings/contexts e.g., non-regulated animal materials
- Systemic and cultural issues that may encourage breaches of research integrity e.g., authorship

How UKRIO can best support

Strong themes emerged in stakeholder responses to how UKRIO can best support them and the wider research community to uphold and advance research integrity.

- **Training** was high on the agenda, with the online training course a welcome and valued addition to subscription – and requests to see this area develop further
- Many noted UKRIO's unique position in the sector as an independent body and expressed a desire to see us step up our efforts to **convene actors across the ecosystem**
- Stakeholders looked to UKRIO to be 'on the pulse' of changes and advise and guide on **new and emerging challenges**
- Stakeholders had a clear appetite for more **opportunities to network** and share good practice
- Stakeholders consistently emphasised the challenging environment for HE and noted how time and resource poor they were – so any outputs need to be **practical, concise, and free or low cost**

2025/25 work programme



- Key activities under our four thematic workstreams
 - Artificial intelligence
 - Research culture
 - Research ethics
 - Breaches in research integrity
- Our events and training programme
 - Connect with UKRIO
 - Expert webinars
 - Roundtables
 - Training webinars
 - Subscriber Symposium
- UKRIO's wider services and resources, including our confidential advisory service and resource hub

Thematic workstreams

Artificial intelligence

AI has the potential to transform research – but it also raises concerns for research integrity.

We're working to address this head-on, with our recent releases:

- [*Embracing AI with integrity: a practical guide for researchers*](#)
- Additional content dedicated to AI in our *Introduction to Research Integrity* online course

This year, we'll be focusing efforts on turning guidance into practical actions and continuing to advance knowledge in this area.

Key activities

Practical tools

Develop practical resources, including a train-the-trainer toolkit and real-world case studies to support responsible AI use in research.

Cross-sector initiatives

Support cross-sector initiatives, including advising on NIHR Research Support Service (RSS) project led by the University of Leicester's to examine the use of generative AI in qualitative data analysis and the implications for ethical conduct, trust, recruitment and research inclusion.

Roundtable

Host a roundtable bringing together research organisations, publishers, and funders to discuss the use of AI in research – and the respective roles of each to ensure it is used responsibly.

Central resource

Help the research community stay informed about the latest AI developments through a regularly updated resource page that consolidates key reports, guidance, and examples of good practice in one central location.

Research culture

It is widely acknowledged that fostering a positive research culture is essential to strengthening research integrity. This was evidenced in the report *Enablers and Inhibitors to Research Integrity*.

The report found that aspects of research culture, such as pressures to publish and quantity-focused assessment metrics, act as major systemic inhibitors of research integrity. In contrast, mentorship, positive role models, and training were evidenced to be key enablers.

This year, we convened a roundtable with stakeholders to explore key considerations in advancing and embedding a healthy research culture, including adaptability and change, awareness, and recognition and rewards.

Building on these insights, this year we will work with specific roles within the research environment.

Key activities

Practical tools

Embed good authorship practice into research culture through tools developed as part of our ongoing UKRI commissioned project, *Supporting collaborative thinking and progress on discussing authorship disputes*.

Institutional support

Strengthen institutional support by releasing revised guidance for establishing Research Integrity Champions to foster a culture of integrity.

Subscriber training

Deliver targeted training for subscribers, focusing on researcher wellbeing and promoting integrity-driven research environments.

Expert webinar

Host an expert webinar on the role research supervisors play – and practical strategies they can employ to foster an inclusive and positive research culture.

Support

Support a project led by Sense about Science and Taylor & Francis to develop an integrity toolkit for early career researchers.

Research ethics

Our stakeholders have identified this as a critical area of need, with requests for training in research ethics, especially for Research Ethics Committees (RECs), among the most frequent we receive.

So, this year we're making it a priority to develop practical, accessible tools, training and guidance to support ethical decision-making at every stage of the research process.

We'll also be addressing ethical challenges that arise in specific contexts – such as interdisciplinary research and international collaborations, or research involving animal materials, ensuring researchers are equipped to act with integrity, whatever the setting.

Key activities

Online training

The development, in collaboration with the University of Suffolk and our online training working group, of a suite of online modules around different aspects of research involving human participants, to provide researchers with a strong foundation to navigate ethical challenges.

Updated guidance

Releasing a revised and updated version of the UKRIO/ARMA 'Research Ethics Support and Review' guidance, to include the development of supplementary materials (REC review panel checklist, audit tool, risk assessment matrix) and ensure that these are relevant for a broad range of research organisations.

Good Practice Exchange

Convening a meeting for subscribers who are members of, or who support, Research Ethics Committees to discuss challenges and share experiences and approaches.

Roundtable and Expert webinars

We will be hosting roundtable discussions and an expert webinar on:

- Ethical considerations in international and interdisciplinary research collaborations
- An ethical framework for the use of animal materials.

Breaches in research integrity

Breaches in research integrity – from honest mistakes to deliberate misconduct – remain a major concern for research contributors. We continue to receive many queries about these through our enquiries service.

Our 2024 report, *Barriers to Investigating and Reporting Research Misconduct*, identified key areas of work for UKRIO to action.

This year, our work will focus on supporting research organisations to adopt effective, consistent, and transparent approaches to preventing and investigating breaches.

Key activities

Practical tools

Developing practical resources, including piloting a train-the-trainer toolkit with case studies, to train and support those responsible for investigating alleged breaches of research integrity.

Detailed and universal misconduct procedures

Reviewing and updating the UKRIO Procedure for the Investigation of Misconduct in Research and publishing a new abridged 'Universal procedure' for investigating breaches of research integrity – step-by-step manuals and templates for research organisations to use or adapt as they see fit.

Cross-sector initiatives

Contributing to various cross-sector initiatives, including:

- A project led by Wellcome and UKRI to develop learning modules on data sharing in research misconduct cases
- UKCORI's work to examine poor research practice and research misconduct.

Events and training programme

Our 25/26 events and training

Guided by stakeholder feedback, we have developed a calendar of over 18 live events and training opportunities for our subscribers and the wider research community, most of which are now **open for registration**.

New for 2025/2026

- An expanded calendar from 2024/2025
- A revamped selection of event formats
- UKRIO is appointing a new Education and Training Manager

About this year's topics

- Carefully selected to correspond to the priority workstreams set out in our programme
- Structured to align with UKRIO's outputs and tools, enabling the community to maximise their use in improving practice

Event types

Type	Description	Access	Freq.	Length
Expert Webinars	Presentations led by expert voices from across the research community on key research integrity topics.	Public	x5	60 minutes
Training Webinars	Live training designed to support professional growth by equipping UKRIO subscribers with practical skills and insights, while fostering a culture of integrity.	Subscribers	x4	60 minutes
Subscriber symposium	Our flagship research integrity conference, bringing together subscribers and guest speakers to discuss key challenges and sector developments.	Subscribers, guest speakers	x1	Approx. 180 minutes
New: Connect with UKRIO	Meetings with our team offering attendees the opportunity to explore UKRIO's work, understand how it can support their practice, and learn ways to get involved.	Public	x3	45-60 minutes
Reimagined: Roundtables	Tight knit discussions bringing together cross-sector perspectives to address urgent challenges. Output-orientated and focused on producing community-driven recommendations.	Priority invite, subscribers	x2	90-120 minutes
Reimagined: Good Practice Forums	Peer-led sessions for subscribers, offering a trusted and private space to discuss challenges, spotlight examples of good practice, share experiences and exchange ideas.	Subscribers	x3	90 minutes

Upcoming events

Event type	Topic	Date and time
Expert Webinar	Launching new tools to support good authorship practice	24 Sept, 10:00 BST
Expert Webinar	Exploring guidance on non-genuine participants in online research	15 Oct, 10:00 BST
Training Webinar	Mindset awareness and research culture	21 Oct, 14:00 BST
Good Practice Forum	Good practice for Research Ethics Committees (RECs)	6 Nov, 10:00 GMT
Expert Webinar	Exploring the <i>Ethical Framework for Obtaining Material from Sentient Animals</i>	22 Jan, 10:00 GMT
Connect with UKRIO	Launch of UKRIO's 2025-2030 Strategy	11 Feb, 10:00 GMT
Good Practice Forum	Good practice for using AI in research	24 Feb, 14:00 GMT

Registering for events

Registration links for this year's calendar are now available in the 2025/2026 Work Programme.

Note:

- Event pages will be updated with further details. Registered participants will be notified of any significant changes.
- Registrations for subscriber-only events are restricted to emails affiliated with subscriber organisations
- Invitations to roundtables will be issued in the months leading up to the event.
- Full details and registration information for this year's annual conference will be shared in the coming months.



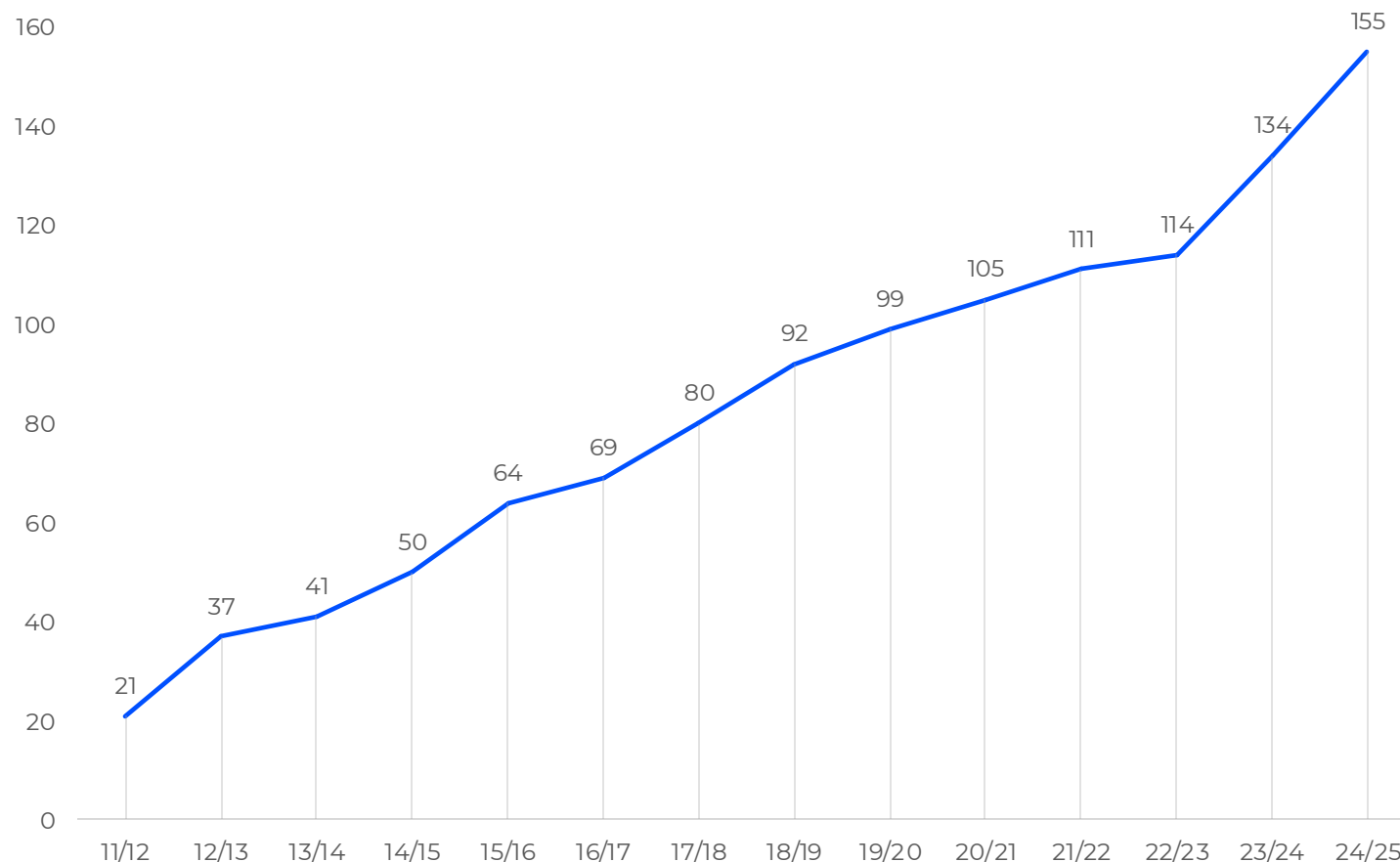
For questions related to our events and training calendar, please contact:

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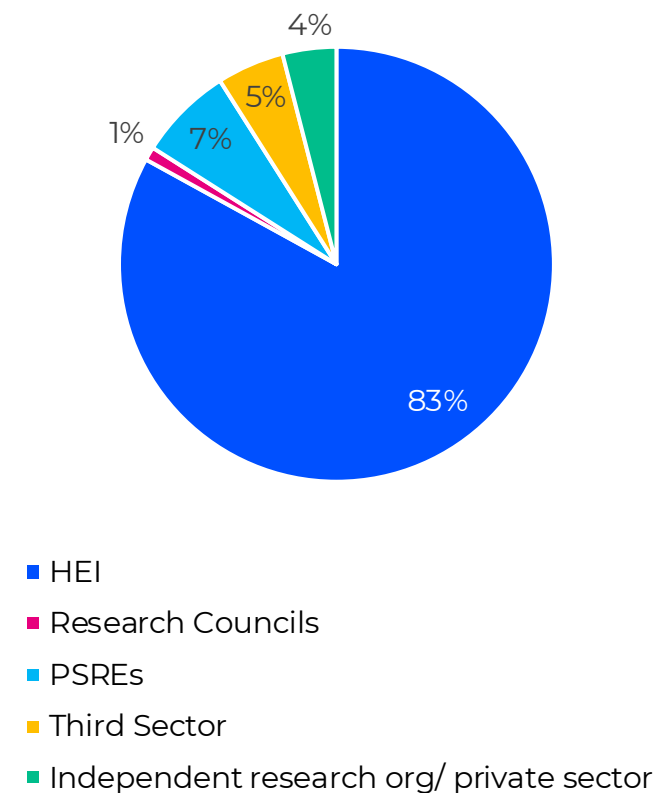
Subscriber network: Further resources and services

Subscriber network

Number of subscribers over time (2011/12 to 2024/25)



Subscriber composition 2023/24



Subscriber benefits

You asked for	What we're now offering
Accessible, high-quality training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction to Research Integrity</i> online course bundled in with subscription (up to 1000 places) • Quarterly subscriber-training events • New <i>Introduction to Research Ethics</i> online course in development
Support building and embedding a culture of research integrity – moving from principle to practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy review - Expert feedback on organisational policies and procedures relating to research integrity • Practical advice -A dedicated UKRIO contact to help implement good practice and foster a positive research culture • Practical advice – implementing the Concordat • Support with engagement at a Senior Leadership level • Case-specific advice on research practice • Trusted confidential support Independent advice and guidance, including on the investigation and handling of potential integrity breaches • Facilities to request independent research misconduct panel members or seek collaborations
Opportunities to network and share good practice and keep up to speed with sector developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jam-packed events and training calendar • Good Practice Forums, a peer-led space for subscribers to discuss challenges and share experiences and approaches • A new format for UKRIO's roundtables: Facilitated discussions bringing together cross-sector perspectives to address urgent challenges
Practical and concise tools and resources for time-strapped staff, reducing the duplication of efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back-catalogue of information, advice and guidance including tools, checklists, self-assessments • Resources that are tried-and-tested and have been widely adopted across the research landscape

Engaging with our work

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Get **involved**

- Become a subscriber
- Contact us about projects and collaborations
- Explore our resources hub
- Utilise our training service
- Register for upcoming events
- Join our expert community

Stay **connected**

- Sign up for our monthly newsletter
- Follow us on LinkedIn
- Visit our news page for updates and opportunities

Contact **us**

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Q&A Session

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and next steps

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at www.ukrio.org

