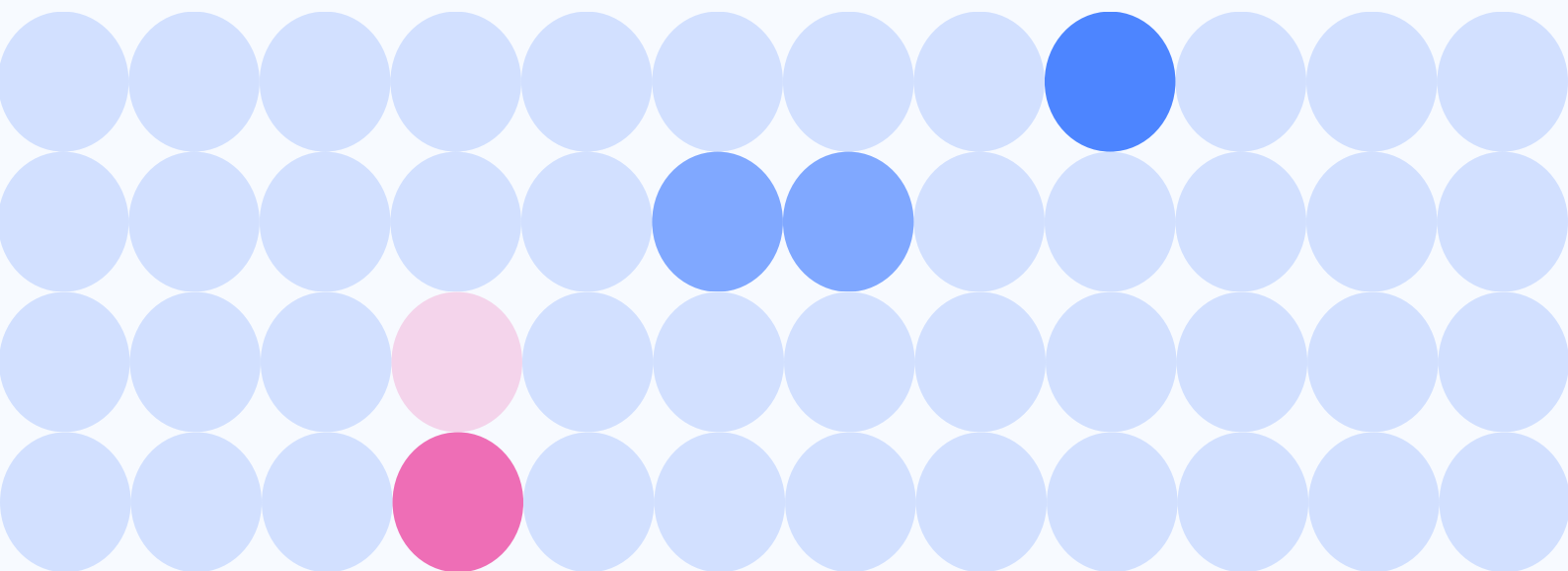




2026/2027

Work Programme

| A look at UKRIO's
priorities, projects and
plans for the year ahead





Welcome

A message from our CEO,
Stephanie Neave

Research has never stood still, but today's landscape is evolving at **an extraordinary pace**.

New technologies, shifting expectations, and increasingly international and interdisciplinary ways of working, set against a changing sociopolitical and economic context, are creating both opportunity and complexity.

As the research landscape evolves, so too must the approaches that safeguard and advance its integrity.

Over the past year, UKRIO has consulted extensively with the research community to understand where our support can have the greatest impact. What we heard clearly is that, **in a time of change and constrained resources, practical support is more important than ever.**

This year's programme focuses on delivering tools, training, and guidance that are **clear, accessible, and directly aligned with the needs of the research community** – helping to build consistency, confidence, and effective use of limited capacity.

We'll be focused on four key areas:

- 1** Artificial Intelligence
- 2** Research culture and environment
- 3** Poor research practice and research misconduct
- 4** Research ethics

And through our guidance, training, events and advisory service, we'll keep bringing people together to **share good practice, foster collaboration, and strengthen research integrity** across the sector.

We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

About us

The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) is the UK’s leading independent charity dedicated to safeguarding and advancing research integrity.

For over twenty years, we have supported researchers, organisations and the wider research system in **upholding the highest standards of honesty, rigour, and ethical practice** in their work.

Our mission

To promote good research practice, foster integrity and prevent misconduct

How we fulfil it



Lead
initiatives tackling research integrity challenges



Convene
stakeholders to share knowledge and good practice



Deliver
practical training, advice & guidance



Serve
as an independent and trusted voice

Who we support


Our guiding principle is that research integrity is a collective endeavour – and our role is to help enable it.

To do so, we work with people across the entire research lifecycle – from design and conduct through to funding, publication, and use – and across disciplines and the public, private, and third sectors.

Our role is threefold

- 1** to **support individuals** in upholding research integrity
- 2** to **bring organisations together** to strengthen policy and practice
- 3** to **advance improvements across the research system** in the public interest, helping ensure research is rigorous, ethical, and beneficial to society.

Our subscriber network

[Find out more](#) 

Alongside our public-facing work, we offer a **package of enhanced support to 175+ subscriber organisations**, offering tailored events, guidance and advice on embedding integrity in their systems and culture.

How we work

UKRIO’s work is grounded in a set of principles that guide how we support the research community and uphold our mission.

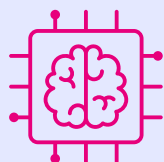
- **Independent**, ensuring our advice and guidance is trusted and impartial
- **Practical**, focusing on real-world tools and solutions that support consistency and efficiency
- **Collaborative**, recognising that integrity is a collective endeavour
- **Responsive**, pairing timely support when issues arise with proactive work on systemic issues
- **Community-led**, putting the research community’s needs and priorities at the heart of our work.

Shaped by the research community

This year's programme has been **shaped by voices from across the research community**. Its priorities, activities and approach reflect the challenges, opportunities and emerging needs identified through consultations, events, advisory work and other conversations with stakeholders.

Our focus areas

Questions we're hearing from our community



Artificial Intelligence (AI)

AI is changing every stage of the research process.

- What does transparent use of AI look like?
- Where does responsibility lie?
- How should it be used in peer review and research practice?



Research culture and environment

Research integrity depends on the environments in which it takes place.

- How can we use incentives and pressures to positively shift behaviours?
- What changes support rigorous, responsible research practices?



Poor research practice and misconduct

Organisations need fair, effective approaches to prevent and address misconduct, from minor infractions to more serious cases.

- What makes an effective investigation?
- How can organisations learn and prevent future issues?



Research ethics

An evolving landscape poses complex questions for organisations.

- What challenges may arise in international and collaborative research?
- How do we respond to the environmental impacts of research?

Our strategic priorities

The next pages set out our framework for delivering change, anchored in four strategic priorities:

1

Strengthening the depth and reach of practical support

Shared guidance, tools and procedures to build confidence and organisational capacity.

2

Building skills and capacity within the research community

Accessible training, learning resources and professional development that strengthen capability across the research community.

3

Creating spaces for shared solutions

Collaborative forums, events and networks that enable the research community to share good practice, tackle emerging challenges and develop collective solutions.

4

Championing research integrity across the system

Strategic partnerships, policy engagement and sector leadership that strengthen research integrity across the UK's research system.

Priority 1

Strengthening the depth and reach of practical support

We have heard from the research community that expanding practical support is where we can add the greatest value, particularly as the sector faces rapid change and tighter resource constraints.

Alongside our advisory service and existing library of expert guidance, we are developing adaptable and scalable new tools for researchers and organisations.

What we're doing

Developing a universal investigation procedure

A core practical framework for investigating potential breaches of research integrity that can be adopted by organisations of all sizes.

Updating our flagship research ethics guidance

A revised edition of UKRIO's guidance to support effective, proportionate and consistent ethics review.

Creating practical templates and model documents

Adaptable resources that improve consistency, streamline processes and build confidence.

Priority 2

Building skills and capacity within the research community

Research integrity depends on people having the knowledge, skills and confidence to apply good practice in real-world settings. This requires opportunities to learn, practise and embed core principles and behaviours.

This year we are expanding our training offer to provide high-quality learning across a range of formats, tailored to different audiences. Our aim is to ensure that everyone involved in research can access the training they need, when they need it.

What we're doing

Launching new online learning tools

Including a revised *Introduction to Research Integrity* and a new *Embracing AI with Integrity* course.

Helping organisations build their own internal capabilities

New train-the-trainer resources on AI and investigating research integrity concerns.

Making learning easier to access

Short, focused learning modules on priority topics including authorship, ethics review and environmental sustainability.

Priority 3

Creating spaces for shared solutions

Research integrity is strengthened when people can learn from one another, share emerging issues, and discuss what good practice looks like in a rapidly evolving landscape.

We will continue to play a key convening role for the research community by expanding our events programme, strengthening established formats and introducing new forums, including new, dedicated spaces for Research Ethics Committee members.

Subscribers

UKRIO Symposium [x1]

Our flagship annual event, bringing together the research community to explore the future of research integrity.

Expert Webinars [x4]

Expert insights on emerging issues, trends and challenges in research integrity.

Good Practice Forums [x2]

Peer learning sessions to share experiences, discuss common challenges and exchange good practice.

Roundtables [x2]

Facilitated discussions bringing together key stakeholders to explore shared challenges and solutions.

Training Webinars [x6]

Practical learning sessions that build knowledge, skills and confidence in research integrity.

New

Research Ethics Committee Workshops [x6]

Dedicated forums for Research Ethics Committee members to discuss emerging ethical issues and good review practice.

Upcoming events (2026/7)

[Details and register](#) 

 Subscribers

September

Expert webinar

REC forum

Subscriber training

October

Expert webinar

Good practice forum

REC forum

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November

Expert webinar

Subscriber training

December

REC forum

January

Subscriber training

February

Good practice forum

REC forum

Subscriber training

March

Subscriber training

Expert webinar

April

REC forum

Roundtable

May

UKRIO symposium

Subscriber training

June

REC forum

Roundtable

July

Subscriber training

Priority 4

Championing research integrity across the system

Our ambition is to help create a research environment where people are supported to do their best work, empowered by a shared and genuine commitment to research integrity.

Collaborative projects and partnerships

- University of Leicester – exploring the responsible use of generative AI in qualitative research
- University of Lancaster – investigating novel approaches to integrity interventions to strengthen research culture
- Wellcome and UKRI – developing training resources to support good practice in the management, sharing and protection of research data

Informing policy and practice

Contributing to policy discussions on topics including:

- National approaches to emerging integrity risks of AI, including in research design, analysis, writing, peer review and data governance.
- Strengthening transparency, governance and accountability, particularly in cross-stakeholder partnerships
- Promoting the strategic importance of research integrity for research quality, public trust and responsible innovation.

Engage with UKRIO

Get confidential advice

[Learn more](#)

Our advisory service provides free, confidential advice on all aspects of research integrity, research ethics and good research practice. Whether you're a researcher, research manager, ethics committee member or organisational leader, we're here to help.

Join our community

[Subscribe](#)

Subscribers receive tailored support to strengthen research integrity within their organisation, including expert advice, exclusive training and events, collaborative opportunities, and subscriber-only guidance and resources.

Trusted by **175+** organisations across diverse research settings



Access resources

[Browse](#) 

Explore our growing library of practical guidance, tools and resources to help embed research integrity into every stage of the research process.

Join upcoming events

[Book here](#) 

Our year-round programme of events brings the research community together to share expertise, explore emerging issues and develop good practice.

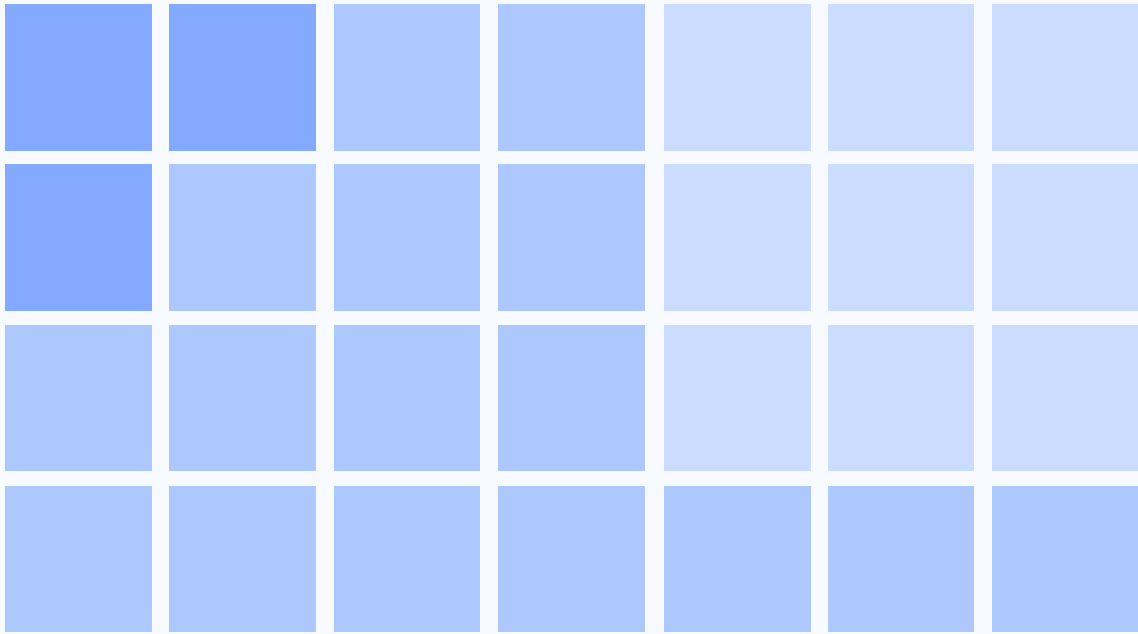
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