



Subscribing to the UK Research Integrity Office

Our role

UKRIO was established in 2006 to provide support on research integrity to the UK research community and the public. We promote and support good research practice and assist with resolving concerns about poor practice and outright misconduct. We cover all disciplines and give advice on research wherever it is carried out, in universities, the NHS, private sector bodies and charities. Our guidance and services are available to all: employers and other organisations, individual researchers and members of the public.

Our way of working

Our whole approach is advisory. We have no statutory powers and a key aspect of our approach is that we do not believe that research integrity issues should be addressed by restrictive systems of regulation. Accordingly, what we provide is support that is appropriate, practical and proportionate, rather than burdensome and bureaucratic – that helps researchers rather than hinders them.

UKRIO provides in-depth and long-term support. We don't believe in one-size-fits-all solutions but promote common approaches to common situations and provide specialist, subject-specific expertise whenever necessary.

As an advisory body, rather than a regulator, there is no obligation to come to us for help but this has not stopped researchers and universities from seeking our assistance, often on difficult issues. We received over 150 formal requests for our help in 2019, as well as many informal ones. Our publications have been endorsed by funding bodies and learned societies, and are used by many leading research organisations.

Our services

UKRIO does not provide a one-size-fits-all service for institutions which sign up. Instead, we undertake a wide variety of activities tailored to meet their particular needs, informed by UKRIO's unmatched practical experience. We are keen to explore how our unique expertise might best support research integrity at your institution.

To illustrate how this tailored service might work for you, the enclosed leaflet *Support Services for UKRIO Subscribers* provides some examples of how we are support the diverse needs of our existing subscribers.

An essential resource for the research community

Reflecting confidence in our approach to issues of research integrity and the services that we provide to the research community, is shown by our subscription level to date of more than 100 universities and research organisations. These include most of the Russell Group universities as well as many institutions which are still developing their research portfolios. Subscribers range from organisations which have used our services in the past to those who are only just appreciating the benefits of accessing our expertise. Most recently, universities from outside the UK have also discovered the benefits of a UKRIO subscription.

Recognition of the value of our work extends beyond higher education: the Royal Society and the British Academy subscribe to UKRIO, as well as Science Foundation Ireland, the UK National Physical Laboratory and a number of other independent research institutes. *The Concordat to Support Research Integrity* was developed with the assistance of UKRIO and it recognises us as a key source of support for the community.

The 2016 Universities UK's [review of the Concordat](#) praised the “excellent support and leadership from the UK Research Integrity Office” on research integrity. The essential work of our charity and the value of our work programme, such as our *Self-Assessment Tool for the Concordat*, was noted by many of the organisations who contributed to the review.

In July 2018, the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee published the report of its inquiry into research integrity in the UK. [The Committee's report](#) stated:

“We recommend that the Government and Universities UK write jointly to all universities to encourage them to engage with UKRIO and consider subscribing to its services.”

[The Government's response](#) recognised the work of UKRIO in supporting good research practice:

“The Government recognises the important role that UKRIO play in promoting engagement and making clear that public funds should be used with integrity wherever possible to ensure that research is reproducible and reliable... we will explore with Universities UK (UUK) and UKRIO how we can promote the work of UKRIO as an organisation that furthers good practice in academic, scientific and medical research.”

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The subscription period is the academic year and the fee is £2,600 per annum. Subscriptions are pro-rated if an institution joins partway through the academic year and they are not locked into any mandatory renewals.

We are keen to explore how the services which we provide and our unmatched practical experience might best support research integrity in your institution. For further information on the benefits of associate membership of UKRIO and how to join us, please contact James Parry, Chief Executive of UKRIO, at james.parry@ukrio.org.