

# UKRIO STRATEGY 2022 – 2025

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**The UK Research Integrity Office is the UK's most experienced research integrity organisation.**

A registered charity, we were created in response to longstanding and growing concerns about the reliability of research.

Since 2006, we have 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.

**Building on our considerable successes to date, this strategy sets out our vision and objectives for 2022-2025.**



The UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) is an independent charity, offering support to the public, researchers, and organisations to further good practice in research.

### We pursue these aims in three ways:

1

#### **Education –**

guidance and support through publications on research practice, training activities and a comprehensive events programme.

2

#### **Sharing best practice –**

clear and honest development for the research community through facilitated discussions about key issues, informing national and international initiatives, and working to improve research culture.

3

#### **Expert guidance –**

confidential and expert advice and guidance, as a proactive service for both institutions and individual researchers, as well as in response to requests for assistance.

# VALUES VISION

## Values

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Independence
- Impartiality
- Collaborative
- Supportive

## Vision

UKRIO's vision is that:

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





## Mission Statement

UKRIO's mission is to:

- **champion the good governance, management and conduct essential for high quality and ethical research**
- **strengthen the research community by improving trust in research**
- **create and share knowledge of best practice and positive research cultures and conduct**
- **give confidential, independent and expert advice and guidance on all forms of research integrity challenges and opportunities as they arise**
- **lead and shape conversations about research integrity in the UK and beyond**

UKRIO is not:

- A government agency
- A regulator / investigator / legal advisor
- An ethical review body



# STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE NO. 1

UKRIO's strategic objectives for the next four years can be summarised under the following headings:

**1. To build greater awareness of, and engagement with, our activities, UKRIO will:**

- be the independent support authority for research organisations, individual researchers and policy-makers - recognising that these are different audiences.
- be the principal independent source of best practice for UK research integrity, whose knowledgebase, expertise and guidance are a staple of academic development, postgraduate training and codes of research done across the public and private sectors.
- be a high-profile champion and critical friend of researchers and institutions, with a commitment to support continual improvement.



STRATEGIC  
OBJECTIVE  
NO. 2

**2 To measure the impact of our work on the research integrity community, UKRIO will:**

- measure its impact on UK research integrity using statistical benchmarks and testimonial evidence.
- use this data to further develop and strengthen its work programme to support UK research and the UK research community.





STRATEGIC  
OBJECTIVE  
NO. 3

**3 To be the accessible experts for research integrity, UKRIO will:**

- be the recognised experts on research integrity, informed by the research community.
- be considered by research organisations to be a critical partner and lead for grassroots engagement. Engagement with UKRIO will be seen as the best possible way for any UK research organisation or researcher to develop their knowledge and skills around research integrity.
- effectively translate initiatives from policy makers and new developments in research into practice for the research community.



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE NO. 4

### 4 To work in partnership in order to influence and measure the impact of research integrity, UKRIO will:

- lead debate and dialogue about research integrity in new and emerging fields
- be a trusted collaborator as well as suppliers of specialist advice and guidance.



STRATEGIC  
OBJECTIVE  
NO. 5

**5 To build a fair and sustainable model for our subscribers, UKRIO will:**

- offer a differentiated subscription model to recognise the varying needs of UKRIO's beneficiaries.
- grow the number of subscribers year-on-year in order to reflect all parts of the research sector.





## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE NO. 6

### 6 To deliver education and engagement across the research integrity community, UKRIO will:

- be the trusted source for up-to-date education, development, and dissemination around research integrity best practice.
- provide valued opportunities for peer learning about research integrity.
- provide access to a mix of events which will reach thousands of researchers in multiple organisations every year.





## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE NO. 7

### 7 All UKRIO's activities will be underpinned by strong governance and operational excellence through:

- a robust and rigorous policy framework for both governance and operations.
- following best practice in charity governance.
- defined strategic direction and support from Trustees.
- clear and focussed planning, building on the expertise of Trustees, staff and volunteers.
- strong leadership and a collegiate approach to staff wellbeing and development.



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