Vision and values

Our goal is to help maintain the world class reputation of the UK as a place where exceptional research is undertaken by exceptional researchers by promoting research integrity in all fields. Such integrity is essential, not only to safeguard high standards in research, but also to retain the public's trust, enhance the UK’s international reputation, and ensure the safety and wellbeing of research participants.

Responding to the rapid changes in the ways research is conducted, disseminated, governed and funded, UKRIO aims to:

- Encourage researchers and institutions to think more deeply, across all disciplines, about wider organisational and ethical issues underpinning the practice of research.

- Provide independent and expert guidance in response to requests for assistance from institutions, researchers and members of the public, covering the entire disciplinary range.

- Facilitate, among researchers and institutions, a culture of good research practice that does not micro-manage researchers, add bureaucracy or delays, or inhibit innovative or cross-disciplinary research.

- Share our insights and practical experience, and those of our members, through publications, events, training activities and in-depth support services for organisations.

This approach is designed to share best practice and also act as a counter to those who believe addressing ethical issues can only be achieved by restrictive or bureaucratic systems of regulation. We aim to encourage strong leadership that will pass on to future generations of researchers the ambition to continue to strive for excellence in their research practice.