

UKRIO strategy consultation 2026

Help shape our next strategy

At the UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO), we support the research community across all sectors and disciplines, providing independent expertise and guidance to uphold the highest standards of research integrity. Our work promotes research that is rigorous, trustworthy, and of benefit to society.

Against the backdrop of a rapidly changing research environment, we are developing our next five-year strategy. We want this strategy to be shaped by the needs, priorities, and lived realities of those working across the research ecosystem.

We therefore invite you to support this process by completing a brief consultation survey. The survey seeks your reflections on key opportunities, challenges, and support needs across the research landscape. Your responses will help us identify where UKRIO can have the greatest impact and how we can best support research integrity in all contexts in which research is conducted.

- **How long will the survey take to complete? The survey should take around 10-20 minutes to complete, depending on the level of detail you choose to provide.**
- **When is the deadline to complete the survey? The survey will remain open until 31 March 2026.**
- **Is the survey anonymous? To help us interpret responses and to ensure we are hearing from a diverse range of voices across the sector, we will ask you for information about your organisation and role. If you prefer to remain anonymous, you are welcome to leave these questions blank. At the end of the survey, you will also have the option to provide an email address if you would like to take part in further follow-up consultation activities. This is entirely optional.**
- **Are any questions mandatory? No. All questions are optional.**
- **Data storage and retention: All personal data and information you provide will be handled confidentially by UKRIO, in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Further details are available in our [privacy statement](#).**
- **Further information: If you have any questions about this stakeholder survey, please contact us at info@ukrio.org.**

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About you and your organisation

1. What is your role and the name of the organisation you work for? If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please leave these fields blank.

Your role / job title:

Name of organisation:

2. Which of the following best describes your role and/or remit? Please select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conducting research | <input type="checkbox"/> Research funding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Research publishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research integrity | <input type="checkbox"/> Open research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research management | <input type="checkbox"/> Policymaker, research policy, or strategy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Research participant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research ethics | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

3. Which of the following best describes the type of organisation you work for (if applicable)?

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| <input type="radio"/> University or higher education institution (HEI) | <input type="radio"/> Third sector organisation |
| <input type="radio"/> Research institute | <input type="radio"/> Funder |
| <input type="radio"/> Other public sector organisation, including government (not higher education institution) | <input type="radio"/> Publisher |
| <input type="radio"/> Private sector organisation/industry | <input type="radio"/> Professional body |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

4. Which of the following disciplines does your organisation focus on in its research? Please select all that apply.

- Arts and humanities
- Social sciences
- STEM (including health and biomedical sciences)
- Other (please specify)

5. How familiar are you with UKRIO's work?

- Very familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Slightly familiar
- Not familiar

6. Please let us know whether you are from a UKRIO subscribing organisation

- Yes, I am from a UKRIO subscribing organisation
- No, I am not from a UKRIO subscribing organisation
- I do not know

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Strategic insight

7. Over the next five years, what do you see as the most significant opportunities and challenges for research integrity in the UK?

8. The environment for research integrity is changing rapidly. What emerging or under-addressed research integrity issues should be priorities in the first two years of our longer-term strategy?

9. If there are any publications, articles, or other sources of data, insight, or analysis that you believe would be particularly important for UKRIO to review when developing its new strategy, please list them here.

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Organisational and individual/practitioner support

10. What barriers does your organisation face in embedding research integrity practices?

For this question, embedding could include supporting, championing, funding, or otherwise implementing research integrity.

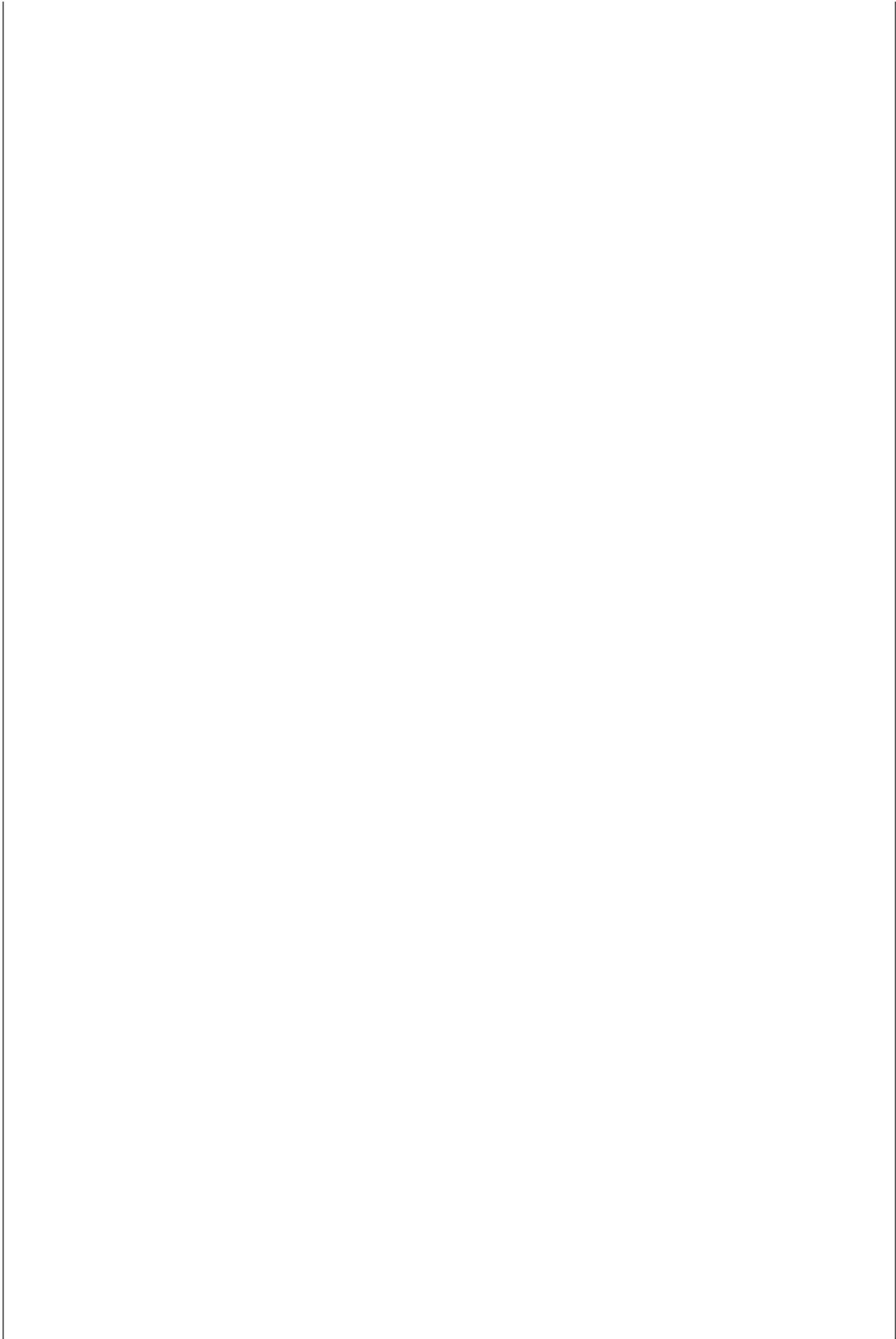
11. Thinking about these barriers, and the wider challenges you identified previously, what resources and / or types of support from UKRIO would be most valuable to your organisation in helping it continue to safeguard and advance research integrity?

Please limit your answer to up to five suggestions.

12. From your perspective, are there specific roles or groups that would particularly benefit from targeted resources or support from UKRIO? (These could be from your organisation or within the broader research community.) If so, please describe.

For example: regular training for ethics committee members; published guidance on the use of AI for early career researchers.

13. Do you have any further comments about how UKRIO can most effectively support organisations and individuals/practitioners to safeguard and advance research integrity? Please share them below.



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Sector and systems level

14. From your perspective, in the next 5 years where should UKRIO focus its thought leadership and policy-influencing work to achieve the greatest positive impact for research integrity?

15. What topics or challenges would benefit from UKRIO convening cross-sector projects and / or collaborative action?

If there are any existing cross-sector or collaborative initiatives or projects that you believe UKRIO should support to benefit the research community, please also note them here.

16. Which organisations or bodies should UKRIO prioritise collaborating with to maximise our impact on policy, practice, and reach across sectors?

17. Do you have any further comments about UKRIO's work to address change at the policy or sectoral level? Please share them below.

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Final thoughts

18. At each of the following levels, what is the single most important output or action you would like to see UKRIO achieve by 2031?

Support at individual / practitioner level

Support at organisational level

Support at sector / systems level

19. If there are any further thoughts you would like to share to inform UKRIO's five-year strategy, please share them below.

20. To develop our five-year strategy, we may carry out further listening exercises to gather stakeholder views, such as focus groups or short one-to-one conversations. If you would be interested in taking part, please provide your contact details below.

Email address

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Thank you for sharing your views

We appreciate you taking the time to share your views on how our next five-year strategy should be shaped. Your insights will help inform our priorities and agenda as we work to advance research integrity and support the research community in navigating today's evolving landscape.

We plan to share further information about our strategy in late spring 2026. We encourage you to stay engaged with us so that you can hear more about the strategy as it is launched, alongside opportunities to contribute to and support its delivery.

If you know colleagues or associates who may be interested in contributing to this consultation, please feel free to share the survey with them.

In the meantime, you can stay connected with us in the following ways:

- **Visit our [website](#) to explore our guidance, resources, training opportunities, and upcoming events.**
- **Contact us at info@ukrio.org for confidential advice on matters relating to research integrity, or to discuss ways to get involved in our work.**
- **Connect with us on social media:**
 - [LinkedIn](#)
 - [Bluesky](#)
 - [YouTube](#)
- **Subscribe to our [monthly newsletter](#) to receive updates on our work, including announcements about the strategy and opportunities to engage.**

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to upholding and advancing research integrity.

**With best wishes,
UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO)**