

Developing a Framework to Enhance Research Integrity in Research Collaborations

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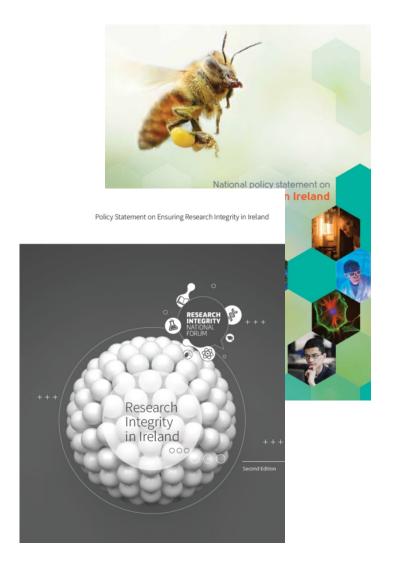


"Research integrity relates to the performance of research to the highest standards of professionalism and rigour, and to the accuracy and integrity of the research record in publications and elsewhere"



National Research Integrity Forum

- Established in 2015
- Voluntary body, co-led by THEA and IUA
- 30 organisations: funders, research performers and stakeholder organisations
- Restructured in 2022
 - Steering Group
 - Community of Practice





Concept & Delivery

Collaboration is central to research & innovation

- Many kinds of collaboration
 - International, interdisciplinary, inter-sectoral
- Concern that differences in practice between countries, disciplines and sectors could cause RI problems in collaborations
- We set out to produce a set of detailed guidelines to reinforce RI in collaborative research
- Delivered by a sub-group of the NRIF



RI Collaborative Framework

- Roles & Responsibilities
- Customary Practices & Assumptions
- Governance & Compliance
- Responding to Research Misconduct
- Transparency
- Authorship & Acknowledgement
- Inventorship
- Open Research





Checklist

Research partners have a clear understanding of their role and responsibilities in the collaboration	$\sqrt{}$
Research integrity considerations have been factored into the design of the research activity	$\sqrt{}$
Customary practices and assumptions have been identified and a plan to manage them has been put in place	$\sqrt{}$
Transparent governance and oversight structures have been put in place	$\sqrt{}$
The relevant guidelines and legislative requirements applying to the research activity have been identified and factored into the research plan and governance / oversight arrangements	$\sqrt{}$
Plans for managing research misconduct investigations - if they arise - have been put in place	$\sqrt{}$
Conflicts of interest have been identified and a plan to manage them (and any new conflicts that arise during the collaboration) has been established	$\sqrt{}$
Research partners have agreed how authorship and / or inventorship credit will be managed in the collaboration, taking into account any disciplinary differences	$\sqrt{}$
Plans for open dissemination of research results and the management of research data have been put in place	$\sqrt{}$



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