Invitation to submit research integrity case studies:

The UK Committee on Research Integrity are inviting case studies to identify and amplify examples of good practice on research integrity. Fostering collaboration, trust, sharing, continual development and learning supports high integrity and we are delighted to work with colleagues across the sector to showcase the activities that they are proud of in their integrity-related endeavours.

If you have a case study, you wish to submit for publication on our website, please see guidance below.

Case study guidance

Audience

The primary audiences are members of the research community including researchers at all career stages and professionals in the research sector. The research sector includes higher education, government, private and third sector organisations.

Secondary audiences are likely to include interested policy makers, research and organisational leaders, and members of the public.

Please assume that the audience does not have expertise in your area or discipline and write in a clear and accessible way. You can, however, expect that the audience are interested in research integrity and have some prior knowledge of what research integrity entails.

With your permission, we may publish or disseminate your case study:
- in written documents such as our Annual Statement
- on our website and newsletter
- via appropriate social media channels such as LinkedIn

Guidance on content

We are often asked for examples and stories related to research integrity. We are keen to curate a series of case studies to instigate conversations and promote research integrity. Case studies should clearly state how they fit into the research integrity space, with strong links to one or more of the five research integrity principles laid out in the Concordat to Support Research Integrity. They may:

- showcase diverse perspectives of what research integrity is and means to different people, disciplines and communities in different settings
- demonstrate how enhanced research integrity can lead to organisational and personal benefits
- help to stimulate and facilitate discussions by showcasing stories that make others reflect on their own experiences and viewpoints
- help to build consensus and co-ownership across the system and inform future work on research integrity across the sector

We are not looking for perfect outcomes, please share what you have learnt from the process, including opportunities for future improvements. The learning is as interesting to us as the outcome.

Please give a snappy and interesting title and include a two or three sentence "elevator pitch" that we can use to promote the case study on our website, newsletter and via social media as appropriate.

Guidance on style

Please write in as clear and accessible a style as possible by
- keeping it short: we are looking for concise case studies of no less than 500 words and a maximum of two sides of A4
- breaking up text with sub-headings
- including diagrams, statistics or infographics if you can, to make the case study more visually appealing
- writing in plain language and the shortest sentences that you can
- using active language rather than passive to generate more interest ("we conducted a survey" instead of "a survey was conducted")
- checking you are using UK spelling, avoid acronyms, and explain any technical concepts
- making sure that any referenced data or studies are correctly referenced in brief footnotes
- making sure your language is gender neutral ("layperson" not "layman" for example)

Approval process

We are looking for authentic case studies written in the authors' voice. However, we reserve the right to make minor editorial changes to ensure that the documents meet the style and content criteria.

The Committee (via our Secretariat team) will:
- take a final view on whether a case study is suitable for publication on our website and may suggest minor amendments for your implementation
- format the document for inclusion on the website
- seek confirmation that you have acknowledged and sought permission of anyone you need to in order for this to be published
- share final text with you before publication

If you would like to discuss a potential case study, please do reach out to [secretariat@ukcori.org.](mailto:secretariat@ukcori.org) We will be happy to provide clarifications.

Please submit your case study to secretariat@ukcori.org