Welcome to the first edition of the Office of Research Ethics and Integrity (OREI) newsletter. The OREI is situated in the Division of Research and Commercialisation, Level 4, 88 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove. Our webpage, http://www.orei.qut.edu.au/, is where you will find information on the ethics application process for human, animal and biosafety review, and research integrity and the responsible conduct of research.

Welcome to new UHREC chair

We welcome the new Chair of the University Human Research Ethics Committee (UHREC), Professor Michele Clark who joined OREI in February this year.

Professor Clark may be well known to many people for her role in the School of Clinical Science, Faculty of Health, as Director of Post Graduate Studies. Michele continues that role on a part time basis alongside her UHREC duties.

OREI Structure

The OREI is comprised of two teams.

The Research Ethics Advisory Team provides consultative and secretarial support to the University’s three ethics review committees (Human, Animal and Biosafety) and their Chairs - Professor Michele Clark (UHREC), Emeritus Professor Ken Bowman (UAEC), and Professor Mick McManus (UBC). This team provides training and advice to researchers and research students in the ethics application process, and reporting obligation and requirements. The A/Research Ethics Coordinator is Dr Nicola Pritchard.

The second team, Research Governance and Integrity, has responsibility for the development and implementation of research integrity structures, which includes the development of a research governance framework with supporting policies and procedures, and training in research integrity. The team also provides support to Professor Arun Sharma, DVC (R&C), in his role as the designated person in the management of allegations of research misconduct. The Manager of Research Ethics and Integrity is Anne Walsh JD.

NHMRC Principles of Peer Review

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) have recently published the scientific and technical assessment principles used in peer review for grant applications. It does not include ethics committee review.

Training
Defence Trade Controls

The *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012* (the Act) places measures to control the transfer of defence and strategic goods technologies. The Act applies to the intangible supply of technology, such as, electronic means (e.g. emails) and to brokering the supply of technology within the Defence and Strategic Goods List (DSGL). The Act applies to industry, university and research sectors and to anyone located in Australia, or an Australian citizen or permanent resident located outside Australia.

The Defence Trade Controls Amendment Bill 2015 which amends the Defence Trade Controls Act was passed by Parliament on the 18 March 2015. The amendments introduce new export controls on the intangible supply of technologies listed in the DSGL. The amended Defence Trade Controls Act will require researchers within the University sectors to apply for a permit for the intangible transfer or supply (via email, fax and electronic access) and publication (including journal articles) of goods listed in Part 2 (Dual Use) of the DSGL.


International authorship standards

**Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE) International Standards for editors and authors**

COPE has developed two position statement setting out international standards for responsible research publication for editors and authors, which can be accessed at:


Under Section 5 of the *Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research 2007* attribution of authorship must be based on substantial contributions in a combination of:

- Conception and design of the project
- Analysis and interpretation of research data
- Drafting significant parts of the work or critically revising it so as to contribute to the interpretation.

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