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Research Integrity Advisors

QUT recently appointed Research Integrity Advisors to each faculty. Research Integrity Advisors (RIAs) provide advice about the responsible conduct of research and the University processes for dealing with allegations of research misconduct. A big welcome to all our Research Integrity Advisors - find out who your RIA is!

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New policies and updates

The following policies were recently approved by the University Academic Board:

**D/2.3 Research Governance Framework** – this policy brings together principles of good research practice to give end-users a clear understanding of how research is governed at QUT.

**D/2.4 Monitoring of Research Approved by a University Review Body** – this policy captures the obligations of the Institution, University Review Body and Researchers in monitoring the conduct of a research project.

**D/2.7 Procedures for dealing with allegations of research misconduct** (revised) – this policy reflects the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, Part B – Breaches of the Code, Research Misconduct and the Framework for Resolving Allegations.

**D/2.8 Management of Research Data** (revised) – this policy addresses planning, storage, retention, access, re-use and disposal of research data. The policy mandates the use of the Data Management Planning Tool for research in receipt of public funding and for higher degree research student projects.

New guidance for research involving human cell lines

OREI have developed Guidelines for research involving cell lines from human sources and a flow chart for determining the type of application to assist researchers in understanding their obligations under the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research.

Animal Ethics Progress Reports – due 31 Jan 2016

Researchers will soon receive notification regarding the annual UAEC progress reports due on the 31 Jan 2016. Please note this is earlier than in previous years. Submission of a progress report is a requirement of the Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes and is essential for University reporting.
Spotlight on Open Access by Ginny Barbour

With the advent of the internet and an increasing move to online publication, the possibilities for opening up access to the academic literature have changed dramatically over the past 20 years, compared to when articles were published in print subscription journals that often had a limited, specialist readership. Open access (OA) publishing (by which is meant free availability of research with enshrined reuse rights) can be achieved by publishing in OA journals or via repositories such as QUT ePrints. OA to research papers, and now, more recently, sharing of data associated with these publications, is part of a general move to more open scholarship.

Such open scholarship has huge benefits not only for dissemination, but also for the reproducibility and integrity of research since it enables more rigorous scrutiny at every stage of the research lifecycle. It also leads to wider cross disciplinary readership, increased citations of published articles and can also lead to increased opportunities for collaboration. Ultimately, it benefits the whole community of researchers and the wider public.

QUT supports open access. For more information on open access, including QUT and funder policies see the Library’s Open Access webpages.

What’s ahead for 2016

Next year we will be launching:

- Online training for research integrity
- Policy and training in Trade Control Technologies
- Online training and practical assessment in the use of animals for scientific purposes

OREI twitter

2016 Ethics Committee Meeting dates

- University Human Research Ethics Committee
- University Animal Ethics Committee
- University Biosafety Committee

Training and development

Research integrity drop-in clinics

Our integrity drop-in clinics are designed to assist QUT researchers and students in the principles of responsible conduct of research, including data management, authorship, conflicts of interest, peer review and publication. For dates and to register, see OREI training webpage.

Research ethics training

If you’d like advice in preparing a quality human research or animal ethics application or you’d like to refresh your knowledge in the principles and guidelines that govern human and animal research, register to attend one of our ethics training sessions.
Biosafety training

If you are working with biologicals or quarantine material, you will need to complete some training depending on your qualifications, experience and the nature of your work. For upcoming training sessions, visit the OREI training webpage.

Happy Holidays

We come to the end of busy and exciting first year for OREI. We would like to thank you for your support and look forward to the new year. Have a safe and happy holiday!

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