

Responsibilities of Researchers

The **Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research** outlines the 16 responsibilities of researchers to ensure responsible and ethical research conducted with integrity.

Support a culture of responsible research conduct at their institution and in their field of practice.

Provide guidance and mentorship on responsible research conduct to other researchers or research trainees under their supervision and, where appropriate, monitor their conduct.

Undertake and promote **education and training** in responsible research conduct.

Comply with the relevant laws, regulations, disciplinary standards, ethics guidelines and institutional policies related to responsible research conduct. Ensure that **appropriate approvals** are obtained prior to the commencement of research, and that conditions of any approvals are adhered to during the course of research.

Ensure that the **ethics principles** of research merit and integrity, justice, beneficence and respect are applied to human research.

Engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and respect their legal rights and local laws, customs and protocols.

Ensure that the 3Rs (**Replacement, Reduction and Refinement**) are considered at all stages of research involving animals and minimise the impacts on animals used in research and in so doing support the welfare and wellbeing of these animals.

Adopt methods appropriate to the aims of the research and ensure that conclusions are justified by the results.

Retain **clear, accurate, secure and complete records** of all research including research data and primary materials. Where possible and appropriate, allow access and reference to these by interested parties..

Disseminate research findings responsibly, accurately and broadly. Where necessary, take action to correct the record in a timely manner.

Disclose and manage actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest.

Ensure that **authors** of research outputs are all those, and only those, who have made a significant intellectual or scholarly contribution to the research and its output, and that they agree to be listed as an author.

Acknowledge those who have contributed to the research.

Cite and acknowledge other relevant work appropriately and accurately.

Participate in peer review in a way that is fair, rigorous and timely and maintains the confidentiality of the content.

Report suspected breaches of the Code to the relevant institution and/or authority.