



## RCSI Statement on Research Integrity

RCSI is committed to ensure that its research activities are organised and undertaken within a framework of best practice and in accordance with recognised national and international standards, guidelines and procedures that ensure scientific quality and integrity and sound research methodology.

RCSI does its utmost to ensure the existence of a healthy and vigorous research climate in which all members of research teams are encouraged to develop their skills which is evidenced through RCSI's ongoing commitment to the our HR Strategy for Researcher. Equally, RCSI expects the highest standards of integrity and rigour from its researchers and endeavours to promote a culture in which these standards are followed.

RCSI expects that all its research activities are conducted in consistency with the four fundamental principles of the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity that underpin all research integrity and good practice in carrying out research. These principles guide researchers in their work as well as their engagement with the practical, ethical and intellectual challenges inherent in research. These principles are:

**Reliability** in ensuring the quality and integrity of research, reflected in the design, the methodology, the analysis and the use of resources.

**Honesty** in developing, undertaking, reviewing, reporting and communicating research in a transparent, fair, full and unbiased way.

**Respect** for colleagues, research participants, society, ecosystems, cultural heritage and the environment.

**Accountability** for the research from idea to publication, for its management and organization, for training, supervision and mentoring, and for its wider impacts

The RCSI approach to Research Integrity is also aligned with the *National Policy Statement on Ensuring Research Integrity in Ireland*, including its commitments to:

- Ensure the highest standards of quality and integrity in all aspects of our research
- Educate and promote good research practice
- Work with the Other HEIs and funders to reinforce and safeguard the integrity of the Irish research system
- Deal with allegations of research misconduct using transparent, fair and effective processes

### To action these commitments RCSI

- (i) is represented in the National Forum on Research Integrity
- (ii) has appointed a Research Integrity Officer
- (iii) is introducing Research Integrity training for all research staff to provide education and increase awareness of the principles and practices of Research Integrity
- (iv) has endorsed the *National Guidelines on Good Research Practice*, in the latest version of the *RCSI Code of Research Conduct*
- (v) has developed and implemented new procedures for handling allegations of misconduct in Research that are informed by the National Forum Guidelines on Investigation of Misconduct in Research.