

THE HONG KONG PRINCIPLES FOR ASSESSING RESEARCHERS



FOSTERING RESEARCH INTEGRITY



What are the HKP?

The Hong Kong Principles (HKP) were developed as part of the 6th World Conference on Research Integrity. They were developed to reinforce the need to ensure that researchers are rewarded for specific behaviors that promote trustworthy research. The HKP have been developed with the idea that implementation of them could assist in how researchers are assessed for career advancement with a view to strengthen research integrity.

PRINCIPLE

IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES

1 Assess responsible research practices.



The NIH recommends Experimental Design Assistant (EDA) developed by N3CRs. This 10-module on-line tool helps researchers prepare the design and analysis requested for grant applications.

2 Value complete reporting.



Wellcome Trust's Open Research (WOR) editorial policies require authors to use reporting guidelines for protocols (e.g., SPIRIT) and completed studies (e.g., ARRIVE). The Universidade Federal de Ciências da Saúde de Porto Alegre (UFCSPA, Brazil, has a formal course on reporting guidelines that students can complete as formal credit towards their degree.

3 Reward the practice of open science.



The University of Cambridge has introduced 'data champions'. Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands, is implementing this as a career assessment criterion. The Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, implemented an Open Access policy in 2011. At NTU's faculty of medicine, random audits are conducted to ensure adherence.

4 Acknowledge a broad range of research activities.



The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research is in its third call for replication studies. PLOS Biology and eLife have meta-research sections in their respective journals.

5 Recognize essential other tasks such as peer reviewing and mentoring.



The University of Glasgow's academic promotion criteria rewards researchers for participation in peer review and other related activities (e.g., journal editorship).

The full HKP article can be accessed at <https://osf.io/m9abx>. Individuals and/or academic institutions and other groups can endorse the HKP at https://www.wcrif.org/guidance/hong_kong_principles.