

Research Integrity Funder Requirements Guidance Document: Royal Society – At Application Stage

In addition to the below guidance, for existing grant holders, please also refer to the contract of your grant's terms and conditions for any additional or superseding potential requirements on these topics.

Research Misconduct, fraud, corruption:

Please familiarise yourself with the policies located here: <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/about-grants/>

And here: <https://royalsociety.org/-/media/grants/schemes/Royal-Society-Research-Misconduct-Policy-June-2019.pdf?la=en-GB&hash=BC1CD5C98D8FB36EB1528B30538D21D8>

Of note it states: "The Royal Society's Fellowship and all those that receive grants from the Royal Society are expected to observe the highest standards of ethics and integrity in undertaking their research. Ethics and integrity are not an "optional extra" or a "regulatory burden" but an integral part of good research.

The Society considers it the responsibility of the Host Organisation to investigate and report all allegations of research misconduct and poor behaviour, and accepts that such investigations must be aligned to its internal human resources policies and disciplinary procedures.

Research misuse: The Society expects all award holders to observe the highest standards of ethics and integrity in undertaking their research. Award holders have responsibilities with respect to research misuse as detailed under clause 3.16.1 (e) of the UK Research Integrity Office Code of Practice for Research (PDF): <https://royalsociety.org/~media/grants-schemes-awards/policy-and-positions/UKRIO-Code-of-Practice-for-Research.pdf?la=en-GB&hash=CA545D9E58C6B7E9FA4277966B37AE51>

Please familiarise yourself with the V.03 from March 2021 conditions of award located here: <https://royalsociety.org/-/media/grants/schemes/SFI-URF-Conditions-of-Award-2022.pdf>

Of note in section 7. 'Reporting' page 5 of 12 it states:

"k. The Award Holder or the Host Organisation must inform the Society without delay of:

- i. any factors that may adversely affect the Award activities;*
- ii. any factors that may adversely affect the reputations of the Host Organisation, Award Holder and/or the Society;*
- iii. any change to the status of the Award Holder or the Host Organisation or the status of any other participant;*
- vi. any cessation and event or circumstance that is likely to affect the overall delivery of the project.*

This includes (but is not limited to) suspicion of or actual fraud, corruption, financial impropriety, research misconduct...."

Bullying and Harassment

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This includes (but is not limited to) suspicion of or actual ... bullying or harassment.”