Ofis

FRENCH OFFICE
FOR RESEARCH INTEGRITY

Fostering a common culture of research integrity

The Ofis

Research and innovation are central to development projects and democratic life in our society. This role confers great responsibilities to all those engaged in such activities for good research practices. Research integrity is essential for the proper functioning of research communities and for maintaining a relationship of trust between the world of research and the other components of society.

The French Office for Research Integrity (Ofis) contributes to the definition of the national research integrity policy. It supports all the actors who contribute to the compliance with the rules that guarantee honest, rigorous, reliable and credible research. The whole ecosystem creates the conditions for this compliance: researchers, institutions, funding agencies, publishers, assessment agencies, public authorities, media, whistle-blowers, research integrity officers, etc. To build and share a common culture of research integrity, the Ofis missions are organised into three main categories: observatory, resources, animation and prospective studies.

The Ofis was created in 2017 as a department of the Hcéres and has an orientation board, Ofis represents France in the European and international cooperation bodies in this area.

RESEARCH INTEGRITY OFFICERS

Research integrity officers are at the heart of the system to promote and protect research integrity. They are appointed by their institution, which must provide them with the resources they need to carry out their missions. In France, these officers play a part in defining the research integrity policy of their institution, advise the staff, receive reports of misconduct and investigate them impartially and confidentially.

Observatory

The Ofis acts as a national observatory on the implementation of research integrity policies, resulting in particular from the Research Programming Law of 2020. Within this framework,
it updates the directory of research integrity officers and will produce both years, from 2025, a report on the progress of policies implemented
by the institutions.
The Ofis also conducts surveys to provide a more precise insight into developments in the research integrity landscape.

Resources

The Ofis fosters sharing of good practices: it provides all stakeholders with tools for training and awareness-raising and to promote research integrity (FAQ, guidelines, MOOCs, videos, etc.).
It disseminates collective work conducted by research integrity officers. It ensures a documentary watch and regulatory and disseminated monthly newsletter scientific watch doing the update on the latest work integrity research scientist. Ofis offers themed areas on hot topics: journals predatory; integrity scientist and science opened ; scientific integrity and evaluation; integrity scientific, ethical and ethics, etc.

Animation and prospective studies

As part of its contribution to defining the national research integrity policy, the Ofis steers working groups in charge of producing analyses, opinions and proposals, working in close partnership with various stakeholders. It organises biannual conferences on emerging themes, such as "Research Integrity and Open Science" or "Research Integrity and Public Speaking by Researchers". All the two months, the Ofis issues a newsletter.

WHAT IS RESEARCH INTEGRITY?

"Research integrity as referred to in Article L. 211-2 of the Research Code is defined as the set of rules and values that must govern research activities to guarantee that they are honest and scientifically rigorous."

RESEARCH INTEGRITY IN FRANCE, IN A FEW DATES

2015 – French Charter for Research Integrity

2016 – Corvol Report. Ruling on doctoral training in research integrity and research ethics

2017 – (Mandon) Legal Notice: creation of the Ofis within the Hcéres, obligation for institutions to appoint research integrity officers

2020 – Research Programming Law: inclusion of research integrity in the Research Code

2021 – Decree of 3 December relating to compliance with requirements of scientific integrity, defining the obligations of the establishments and the missions of the referents

2022 – Establishment of a doctoral oath of scientific integrity

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

THE OFIS ANSWERS

WHERE CAN I FIND A TRAINING IN RESEARCH INTEGRITY?

WHAT'S NEW ABOUT RESEARCH ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY?

WHAT DO THE REGULATIONS ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY SAY?

WHAT IS THE FRAMEWORK FOR RESEARCH INTEGRITY IN OTHER COUNTRIES?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RESEARCH INTEGRITY, DEONTOLOGY, ETHICS?

HOW TO PROMOTE RESEARCH INTEGRITY IN MY LAB?

HOW TO COMBINE OPEN SCIENCE AND RESEARCH INTEGRITY?

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