Information and Guidelines
The inaugural Excellence in Research Integrity award recognises outstanding contribution, leadership or innovation in research integrity by an individual or team. This award is open to those researchers who have led efforts to foster integrity in research and promote a culture of responsible research practice and high-quality (trustworthy) research at Macquarie University. The award encourages, motivates and rewards excellence in research conduct and research quality and promotes improvements in the evaluation of researchers and scholarly research outputs. Work may include the promotion of research integrity, excellent research on elements of research integrity, exceptional research practices or leadership in data management, data transparency, supervision, accountability, reproducibility, or open research. Work in this award category will have been undertaken at Macquarie within the preceding five years (from 1 May 2018). For entrants whose work has been realised over a period longer than five years due to career disruption (pregnancy; major illness; or carer responsibilities), the entrant must address this in the entry documentation citing the circumstances of career disruption and demonstrating that the entrant has completed the work within a period of no more than five years FTE (full-time equivalent) research activity.

Judging Criteria
Applications are open to an individual or research group displaying exceptional standards of transparency and progressive practice in the management of research to increase research rigour, accountability and quality.

The applicant/team must be able to provide tangible evidence of an outstanding level of sustained contribution to excellence in research integrity and should specifically address how the work entered meets the following four judging criteria shown below with examples:

1. Leadership (25%):
   - demonstration of responsible research aligned with the core values of integrity in an environment increasingly moving towards open research and reproducibility,
   - adopting leading-edge strategies that improve trust in research findings,
   - evidence of advocating the University’s commitment to always act “ethically, equitably and for mutual benefit.”

2. Standards and Rigour (25%):
   - evidence or indicators of responsible research practices across all research being conducted. Indicators might include open protocols; ethics, COI or authorship statements being published with research outputs; using credit roles taxonomy in describing authorship contributions; preregistration; data deposit or code sharing.
   - upholding principles of honesty both in reporting research, and in allocating credit,
   - contribution to research or academic dialogue on matters related to research integrity.

3. Implementation and Innovation (25%):
   - implementing new systems or research methodology to strengthen research integrity,
   - reinforcing practical implications of the Australian and Macquarie Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2018), or its supporting guide(s)/policies or standards,
   - encouraging innovation that has an enabling impact on ethical research. For example, work to enhance community engagement and involvement of human participants in research, or work that replaces or significantly reduces the number of animals used in research without compromising the quality of the information obtained,
employing consistent methods to support Research Integrity in day-to-day research activities, establishing local processes to uphold research integrity in their discipline, local group or Faculty.

4. **Support and Promotion (25%)**:
   - championing research integrity by mentoring,
   - fostering a positive culture and heightened awareness by informing peers, colleagues or superiors,
   - demonstrating sustainable Research Integrity engagement and advocacy,
   - design or conduct of training related to research integrity,
   - sustained peer review activities with evidence of commitment to best practice peer review (For example, training or advocacy for fairness, usefulness and timeliness in peer review).

**Guidelines for Submission**

Prepare a single PDF application containing the following information:

- **Research summary**: a brief description of the research integrity work entered, including objectives and results to date (one-page maximum).
- **Judging criteria**: a brief description of how the entrant’s activity addresses each of the judging criteria (three-page maximum).
- **CV**: curriculum vitae of entrant (two-page maximum).

Please also supply a:
- **Photograph**: with your email application, please attach a separate jpeg file of yourself or team (if Team Application – please name team members featured in the photograph) for promotional purposes (preferably landscape orientation and from above the waist and 10 MB).

**Additional Information**:

- **Prize**: The Macquarie University *Excellence in Research Integrity* category winner will receive $3,000 (AU) award that will be allocated into a project account (expiring 31 December 2025) to be used by the winner to support further research integrity endeavours.
- Applications with incomplete sets of supporting information will not be considered and judges will only consider what has been provided within the parameters (e.g.: page maximums, PDF format single document). Elements of the supporting material can be redacted to protect sensitive information where necessary.
- Applications must be no more than six total pages in length.
- The deliberations of the judging panel are confidential, and all recommendations and decisions taken are binding and final and no correspondence will be entered into on such matters.
- The judges reserve the right not to award the prize if they feel the entries are insufficiently meritorious.
- No entries received after the closing date will be considered.

Please submit your application via the [Research Excellence Awards](https://www.researchexcellenceawards.com) webpage by 11:59 PM on 9 June 2023. **Late applications will not be considered.**

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