Dear researcher,

The Survey on Research Integrity in Ireland 2025 (SRII2025) is now open

(https://srii2025.ie/). This is the first nationwide online survey targeting researchers across all Irish universities, technological universities, higher education and research institutes in Ireland. The SRII2025 aims to gather information on factors that encourage or obstruct Responsible Research Practices (RRPs). The survey data will enable us to evaluate the relative influence of elements that promote good and poor behaviours and whether these depend on academic structures, research disciplines, or career stages. The survey will also assess the prevalence of RRPs, Unacceptable Research Practices (URPs), and research misconduct (defined as falsification, fabrication, and plagiarism) on a national level.

The SRII2025 is commissioned by the National Research Integrity Forum, funded by the Higher Education Authority. This establishes a national framework for the survey and offers a secure platform, since a trusted external survey provider will act as an impartial intermediary for collecting fully anonymised data. The UCD team conducting the analysis will never receive any information that could identify individuals or their institutions.

This is your opportunity to share your opinions on the factors that facilitate or impede your ability to uphold integrity in your research. You can access the survey at the dedicated website: https://srii2025.ie/

This survey is important to us all because the data we gather will help us evaluate the influence of factors that promote or hinder responsible research practices, and whether these depend on academic structures, research discipline, and career stage. Such factors may include perceptions of organisational justice, behavioural norms, work pressure, mentoring, and social support. We have made significant progress in Ireland, but we recognise that there is still much more to accomplish.

We need your help to gather better evidence on what is effective in enhancing research integrity. The survey is designed for those actively involved in research for at least eight hours each week, including faculty members, research scientists, research fellows, postdoctoral researchers, and postgraduate students. We recognise the importance of other research support staff, such as technical officers, research managers, and research administrators, within the Irish research system. However, to

ensure full comparability with similar international surveys, these groups have not been included in this study.

We hope you will take the time to share your views with the project team by completing this **ANONYMOUS 25-minute survey**. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the SRII 2025 webpage, containing more information about this initiative and the link to the survey.

Research Ireland takes Research Integrity very seriously and supports this initiative both as a funding agency and through its membership in the National Research Integrity Forum.

Best Regards

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