

# Guiding Principles for Research Integrity and Mobility across Asia-Pacific

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Research must be conducted and administered in ways so that research processes and findings can be trusted globally. The implementation of policy, education and oversight that aim to enhance trustworthy research appear crucial for realising the value of research. For the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), which is made up of 21 member economies across the Asia-Pacific region, the absence of shared principles for research integrity was also seen as a barrier to collaboration and researcher mobility.

To address this deficiency we undertook work to make guidance that captured a consensus view of research integrity from across Asia-Pacific. Review and consultation processes supported a modified Delphi process of iteration with experts based in APEC economies. This methodology generated the APEC Taylor Guiding Principles for Research Integrity. The principles –Honesty, Rigour, Transparency, Responsibility, Fairness, Respect and Diversity –appear to be the basic elements for the conduct and administration of research.

The usefulness and implementation of the Taylor Guiding Principles will be dependent on research administrators and managers. They provide a good starting point for other initiatives to support trustworthy research. It is hoped that the guidance will enable greater research collaboration and exchange across Asia-Pacific.

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