



Assessing the Impact of Research Integrity Education Initiatives: A Study of UP Manila Office of Research Integrity's Caravans and Webinars



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BACKGROUND

Research integrity is fundamental to maintaining the credibility of academic and scientific endeavors. The University of the Philippines Manila (UPM) has recognized the importance of fostering a culture of research integrity among its researchers and students, thus, establishing the UP Manila Office of Research Integrity (UPM ORI). This initiative was driven by the rapid growth of research infrastructure, increasing concerns about inappropriate conduct of research, and the need for UPM to participate in global research undertakings.

Key Milestones

- Formation of the Committee on Research Integrity on **October 17, 2019**, by the Chancellor of the university
- Initial sessions on research integrity held during the 2019 UPM Science & Technology Week.

2019

Adaptation to **online platforms** during the COVID-19 pandemic, with successful webinars on key topics like plagiarism, falsification, fabrication, authorship, and misinformation/predatory publications.

2020

Development and launch of the **UPM Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research**, approved by the Board of Regents for the entire UP System in August 2021.

2021

Conduct of the quarterly **ORI Education Caravan** in 2022 to reach all UPM constituents, enhancing awareness and education on research integrity.

2022-2023

METHODS



• **Educational Programs:** A series of research integrity education caravans and webinars conducted from 2020 to 2023.



• **Content:** Included RI lectures, interactive sessions, and case discussions.



• **Engagement:** Encouraged active participation and knowledge-sharing.



• **Evaluation:** Post-event surveys to assess the effectiveness of the programs.

RESULTS

Activities Conducted



4 Research Integrity Webinars



7 Education Caravans

Participation

5,113

Total number of people reached in the 11 activities

2,403



Undergraduate and Graduate Students

1,511



Faculty

166



Research and Extension Staff

1,027



Healthcare Professionals

26



Administrative Staff

Survey Insights

88%



rated the overall conduct of the webinars as excellent

83%



rated the design and content of the activity as excellent

84%



reported significant increase in their knowledge

OBJECTIVES



• Explore the role of research integrity education caravans and webinars in promoting responsible research practices within the UP Manila community.



• Assess the impact of these educational initiatives on enhancing research integrity awareness among participants.

CONCLUSION

The educational initiatives, including research integrity education caravans and webinars, were well-received and deemed highly effective in enhancing participants' awareness and understanding of research integrity. These programs are vital in promoting responsible research practices and upholding the credibility of academic institutions. The success of these initiatives underscores the importance of continuous education and engagement in fostering a culture of research integrity.