

# Survey of the Research Community of a Large Research-Intensive University

## Research Culture and its Intersection with Responsible Research Practices

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### Background

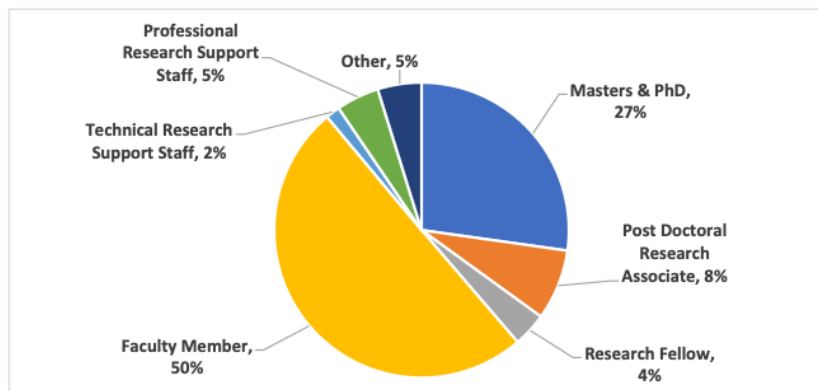
UCD's Research Integrity Office takes a preventive approach, encouraging all those in the research community who have concerns that might impinge on integrity to raise these at an early stage, thus maximising the chances of remedial actions. The resulting conversations with the community reinforced what had been referenced by others previously - that **Research Integrity** can be put at risk by an unsupportive **Research Culture**. We set out, therefore, to conduct a baseline survey of how the community perceived their research environment and culture, and to analyse their intersection with responsible research practices.



### Methods

- Online Survey
- Broadly defined research community
- De-identified
- Open 6 weeks Q4 2021
- Assessed perceptions of Research Culture and related Supports
- Quantitative and qualitative analysis

### Results



19 % Response Rate Overall



Relatively low level of awareness of Research Culture and its Importance

#### What we do well    What we can do better

- | What we do well  | What we can do better   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Research</li> <li>• Research Integrity</li> <li>• Research Assessment</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Value quality over quantity</li> <li>• RURM</li> <li>• Reduce bureaucracy</li> <li>• Workload balance</li> <li>• Disciplinary differences</li> </ul> |



- Role-specific Responses also analysed-
- See our poster re Qualitative Analysis of ECR perceptions
- Technical staff had lowest response rate, lowest awareness of RI, lowest feelings of appreciation

### Outcomes

#### Roadmap and Action Plan

Authorship disputes most common issue raised with RIO



- Authorship - Policy awareness
- RURM - Education, awareness, use in internal processes
- Supporting Researchers - valuing all career stages and types
- Reward and Recognition - Team-based acknowledgement
- Collegiality and Collaboration- Space and time for interdisciparity



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Now with added Researcher Wellbeing Assessment

#### External Funding

- Wellcome
- National Open Research Forum

#### Organisational Change

Permanent Embedding of Research Culture Work in UCD Organisational Structure



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