

## Use of NRIC in Research



In line with the University's guidelines on PDPC's "[Personal Data Protection Act for NRIC and other National Identification Numbers](#)", researchers are reminded that the *collection*, *use* or *disclosure* of NRIC or other National Identification Numbers is restricted unless (a) required under the law or (b) when verification of a person's identity to a high degree of fidelity is deemed necessary to prevent a significant safety or security risk and/or a risk of significant impact or harm to an individual or the organisation.

NTU-IRB advises all researchers to cease collection of NRIC numbers for participant recruitment and recommends the following alternatives: Name, Email address, Mobile Number or Partial NRIC number (e.g. Sxxxx567A). Please note that partial NRIC number is still classified as Personal Data and that researchers have a duty to protect all Personal Data collected.

For more information, please refer to **NTU-IRB guidelines** on '[Prohibition against collection of NRIC numbers](#)'.



## National Research Misconduct Board

Since 1 Jul 2017, the [Danish Committee on Research Misconduct](#) handles all cases of research misconduct reported by Danish research institutions. Sweden has now followed suit and passed a law that similarly requires cases of alleged research misconduct to be reported to and investigated by a new government agency, the **Research Misconduct Board**.

In a Nature article titled, "[Scandal-weary Swedish government takes over research-fraud investigations](#)", the author discusses the implementation of this law in the wake of recent high profile cases such as the [Macchiarini case](#) and [microplastics study](#), which saw decreasing trust in research among the Swedish public.

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## Research Integrity Seminar + Grant Call

RIEO is organising a seminar on research integrity to showcase the NTU abstracts recently presented at the [6th World Conference on Research Integrity](#) held in Hong Kong. This seminar will feature 3 oral presentations for sharing with the NTU community.

Date/Time: **7 Aug 2019 (Wed), 12pm—1pm**

Venue: [LT24](#)

For details of this seminar, and to register, please click [here](#).

Two of the oral presenters were awardees of the **2018 Research Integrity Grant Call**. RIEO is following up with a 2019 grant call that will fund research proposals up to a maximum project value of **\$50,000** over **18 months**. Application submission closes on **16 Aug 2019, 5pm** and details are available [here](#).



**Deadlines:** **NTU-IACUC:** Next due date for new AUP submissions is **2 Sep 2019**. [[+Read more](#)].  
**NTU-IRB:** New submissions are due on Mondays of every week. [[+Read more](#)].

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