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.

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.