

# THE COMPASS

A BULLETIN BY THE RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OFFICE

## In the news

There is an increasing push by journals to ensure that data supporting published papers are shared to promote transparency, reproducibility, and trust in scientific literature. In addition to this, there is a need for journals to provide greater visibility and data on their peer review processes to promote scientific integrity. [[+Read more.](#)]

NTU's Research Integrity Officer, Mr Tony Mayer, has co-authored a letter to Science asking universities to take the lead and support the development and adoption of evidence-based policies aimed at improving integrity in research. [[+Read more.](#)]



## In Singapore

In November 2016, A\*STAR, NTU, NUS and SUTD issued a **joint statement** on research integrity relating to scholarly publications, whereby we will adhere to the 6 key principles on research publications. Access the full statement [here](#).

This statement was issued at the inaugural joint seminar on reaffirming our commitment to uphold the integrity of research carried out in Singapore. The next seminar will be held in early 2018.

In NTU, our [Authorship Guidelines](#) serves to guide our researchers on accepted best practices in this area.



## At NTU

To further reinforce NTU's commitment to research integrity, NORIPOC has now been reformed into the NTU Research Integrity Committee (RIC). The RIC now comprises senior staff responsible for research, with its core membership being Associate Deans of Research in Colleges and Associate Chairs of Research in Schools. The RIC will be chaired by Vice-President (Research).

[Learn more about the RIC.](#)



## Save the Date: 18 Oct 2017

18 October 2017 marks the [2<sup>nd</sup> International Day of Action against Contract Cheating](#). **Contract cheating**, as defined by [Dr Thomas Lancaster](#), is *"the process through which students can have original work produced for them, which they can then submit as if this were their own work. Often this involves the payment of a fee"*. A key problem associated with this practice is these students enter society with reduced knowledge and skills and more worryingly, with a questionable notion of what good ethical conduct is.

[NTU's Academic Integrity Policy](#) makes clear NTU's stand on contract cheating by identifying it as academic fraud. More can be done to prevent and identify cases of contract cheating and these methods are covered in the [Institutional Toolkit to Combat Contract Cheating](#).

# Contract Cheating

<b>Deadlines:</b>	<b>1 Nov 2017:</b> Next due date for submissions to NTU-IRB and NTU-IACUC
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