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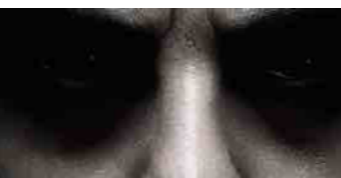
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Confidence versus mandatory reporting

Gary Allen

4.4 Ensure that any potential breaches of the Code are reported ...in instances where the concerned party does not wish to report the suspected breach...

The NHMRC is currently conducting a consultation on the proposed good practice guide for Research Integrity Advisers.

The draft indicates that an advisor must report a breach of the Australian Code if they know the details of the breach.

This has me hot under the collar.

Allow me to explain why. A collegiate RIA network has the capacity to create, nurture and support a community of practice for research integrity in an institution.

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AHRECS Team. We are delighted to share information about two new members of the AHRECS team. Please join us in welcoming: Gordon McCurk and Erich von Dietze.

Animal Ethics. We have always been aware of the need for human, animal and environmental ethics experts to work together through One Health. However, animal ethics has never really been an AHRECS thing.



Research ethics reviews: responding to the challenges faced by international postgraduate students

by Mark Israel, Julia Miller, Liwen Tan and Kristy Davis

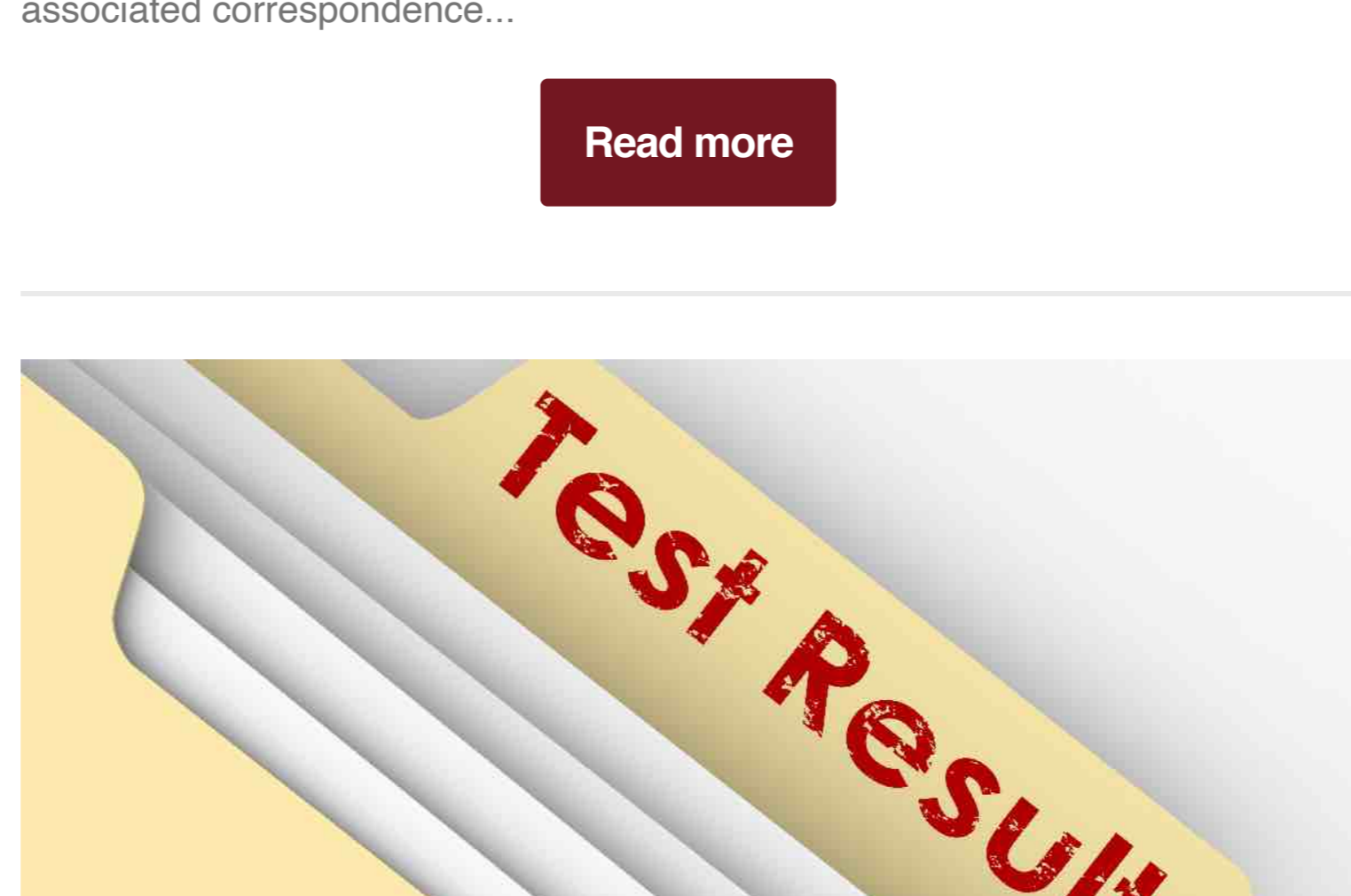
University human research ethics application procedures can be complicated and daunting for the uninitiated. The process can be especially problematic for international postgraduate students.

Our analysis of that data (Davis et al., 2021) showed that the most important influences on international students' experience were the time it took to do an application...

The possibility that international postgraduate students will have engaged with concepts of ethical research in their previous studies will vary between countries, institutions and disciplines.

Some of the language used by ethics bureaucracies is so arcane that it taxes even those who specialise in research ethics.

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An ethics argument for data sharing

by Gary Allen and Nik Zepf

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Pastoral Roles on Tasmania HREC (Category D)

by Gary Allen and Nik Zepf

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Internal Human Research Ethics annual reporting

National Human Research Ethics arrangements like the National Statement (see Section 5 of the National Statement) refer to institutions having responsibility for the oversight and review of research ethics review procedures.

For Australia, Section 5 of the National Statement lists the responsibilities of institutions, and those of the ethics review body, which should be covered by this report.

During the last 10 years, AHRECS has conducted desktop audits of more than 10 institutional Human Research Ethics arrangements.

Posted to https://www.ahrecs.vic is a template of matters that should be covered by these reports...

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- 06. First, do no harm: education research should answer to the same standards as medicine - The Conversation

- 07. (UK) Covid-19: How harm reduction advocates and the tobacco industry capitalised on the pandemic to promote nicotine - BMJ Blog
- 08. (France) Scientific image sleuth faces legal action for criticizing research papers - Nature
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- 10. How we deal with authorship and author disputes - Cell Mentor

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