

# Beyond compliance: Nurturing an institutional culture of integrity



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## Measures to enact exemplary policy on integrity

- Adhere to the Code
- Consistent policy and practice
- Model good practice and socialise research trainees
- Enforce policy

Online student survey on academic integrity (AI) in Australia  $n = 15,304$ , HDR  $n = 1,186$  found that one in five (18.5%) HDR students had never heard of academic integrity. (Bretag et al 2013)

Reviewed 9 online academic integrity policies for HDR students at Australian universities against the Code and the five core elements (Bretag et al 2011)

University	Access	Approach	Responsibility	Detail	Support
A	+	+	+	-	+
B	+	+	-	-	+
C	+	-	+	-	-
D	+	-	+	-	-
E	+	+	+	-	+
F	+	-	+	+	+
G	+	+	+	-	-
H	+	+	+	-	-
I	+	+	+	-	-

Figure 2: Ratings for HDR Academic integrity policy

Found inconsistency with the Code in the definition of research misconduct and a lack of adequate detail and support. (Mahmud & Bretag 2013, forthcoming)

Consistent and educative approach to integrity is maintained across the university at all levels of scholarship and for all stakeholders

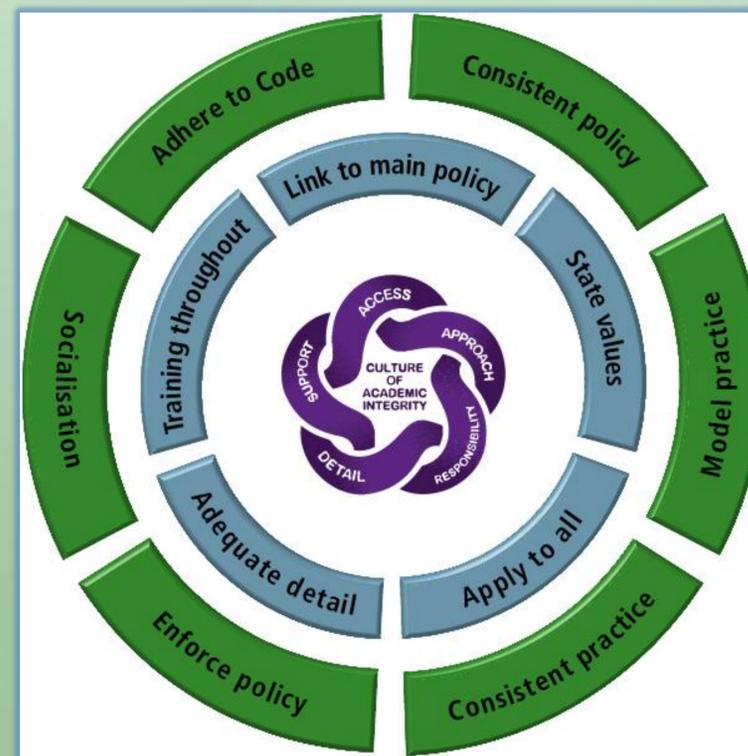


Figure 1: Evidence-based policy and support framework to foster integrity in postgraduate research

(Mahmud & Bretag 2013, forthcoming)

Our framework consists of:

- a commitment to foster a culture of integrity
- academic integrity policy that includes the five core elements
- policy on integrity in postgraduate research that meets the standards of exemplary academic integrity policy
- measures to enact exemplary policy on integrity.

Policy on integrity in postgraduate research that meets the standards of exemplary academic integrity policy

- Access:** Linking specific requirements for postgraduate research students from main academic integrity policy
- Approach:** Policy should state values that the institution aspires to and the rationale for integrity in research
- Responsibility:** Policy should apply to all stakeholders
- Detail:** Provide adequate detail
- Support:** Provide training throughout candidature

<http://www.unisa.edu.au/EAIP>

- Extend and embed the five core elements of exemplary academic integrity policy across Australian HE sector.
- Address needs of HDR students



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