

Procedure: Authorship disputes

Purpose

To outline the resolution of disputes over authorship. The [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018](#) and [Authorship – A guide supporting the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research \(2019\)](#) is read in conjunction with this procedure.

Procedure

1. An authorship agreement is put in place by ANU researchers when planning a research publication or other output. The [Form: Responsible conduct of research authorship](#) can be used as a guide and as a record of authorship discussions.
2. Confidential advice may be sought from a [Research Integrity Advisor](#) (RIA). RIAs from any College may be approached.
3. In the case of an authorship conflict or dispute, every attempt is made to resolve matters locally, with Director/Dean input as appropriate.
4. Resolution of an authorship dispute may include agreement from all authors that:
 - * identifies those authors who meet the requirement for authorship (see **Procedure: Authorship**);
 - * identifies how those who do not meet the requirement of authorship are appropriately acknowledge;
 - * identifies the order of authorship to be listed on a publication; and/or
 - * no author is excluded without their written permission.
5. If agreement on the content or authorship of an output cannot be reached, then alternatives are considered. This may include revision of the content into separate outputs.
6. If the dispute remains unresolved, the matter may be referred for review by ANU Research Integrity. Such a referral may not constitute an allegation of research misconduct. However, if there has been an intentional and reckless breach of the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research \(2018\)](#), the authorship dispute

may be dealt with under [Procedure: Research misconduct and serious research misconduct](#).

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