



## **RESEARCH PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET**

### **Voice and intimidation of research scientists**

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#### **Why is the research being conducted?**

Over recent years there have been various stories about scientists voicing concerns about issues in their profession or being subjected to various types of pressure, harassment, or intimidation. This research aims to investigate the various forms of voice that scientists exercise, the forms of pressure or harassment that can be experienced by scientists, and the effectiveness of responses to that.

#### **Who is conducting the research**

The project team consists of two Griffith University academics with collective experiences in writing books and journal articles. Please find their names and contact details below:

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They are assisted in the project by two research staff: Adjunct Associate Professor Georgina Murray, and Dr Carolyn Troup.

#### **What will you be asked to do?**

You are asked to take part in a global online survey of scientists from three fields. It will take approximately 18-28 minutes to complete.

#### **The expected benefits of the research**

The results of the project will assist in understanding some of the key problems faced by scientists and effective means of overcoming them. As a consequence, scientists should be better positioned to communicate the findings of their research without fear or favour, and to attract appropriate respect. This in turn will assist in society addressing some of the scientific challenges of coming years.

#### **Your confidentiality**

Most results will be presented in statistical format. Individual, identifiable responses to the survey will not be reported in the research or other publications arising from this project. There will be an opportunity in the survey questionnaire to signify whether you would agree to a more extensive follow-up interview, and if you agree to that and are selected for interview you will be asked if you wish to be identified or anonymous. However, all responses to this survey itself will be entirely anonymous.

### **The basis by which participants are selected or screened**

Participants have been chosen on the basis of their having published an article within a defined period in a peer-reviewed journal on a topic relating to one of the three fields.

### **Project funding**

The research is funded by a grant (No. DP190102324) from the Discovery program of the Australian Research Council, the main official body for funding scientific research in Australia

### **Are there any risks to you?**

There are no perceived risks to the health or wellbeing of any participants.

### **Your participation is voluntary**

Your participation in this project is voluntary. Your decision to take part in this research will not affect your relationship with the research team or Griffith University.

By completing the online survey, you are taken to have given your consent to participating in the survey. You are free to withdraw from the research at any time by not completing the survey.

### **Publication of results**

It is intended that research results will be reported in a book, and may also be disseminated via journal articles, conference presentations, and the media. You may obtain a summary by contacting the authors via [D.Peetz@griffith.edu.au](mailto:D.Peetz@griffith.edu.au) or +61 7 373 57600.

### **Data storage and protection**

All research data (survey responses and analysis) will be retained in locked cabinets and/or password protected electronic files at Griffith University before being destroyed no more than five years after completion of the project. Fully anonymised data may be retained and made available to other researchers, but it would be impossible to identify individuals from it.

### **Questions / further information?**

If you would like to know any additional information about the research project that has not been covered in this information sheet, please contact David Peetz on +1 917 294 6755 (before 30 June 2019) or +61 7 3735 7600 (later dates), or email [d.peetz@griffith.edu.au](mailto:d.peetz@griffith.edu.au) (any date).

### **The ethical conduct of this research**

Griffith University conducts research in accordance with the *National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Research Involving Humans*. If you have any concerns or complaints about the ethical conduct of the research project they should contact the Manager, Research Ethics on +61 7 3735 4375 or [research-ethics@griffith.edu.au](mailto:research-ethics@griffith.edu.au).

### **Privacy Statement**

The conduct of this research involves the collection, access, storage and/or use of your identified personal information (that is, your e-mail address). Any personal information collected is confidential and will not be disclosed to third parties without your consent, except to meet government, legal or other regulatory authority requirements. A de-identified copy of this data may be used for other research purposes, including publishing openly (e.g. in an open access repository). However, your anonymity will at all times be safeguarded, except where you have consented otherwise. For further information consult the University's Privacy Plan at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/about-griffith/plans-publications/griffith-university-privacy-plan>.