

# ARMS 2024 CONFERENCE ABSTRACT

**Theme:** Effective collaboration with external stakeholders

**Title:** Moving from compliance to care: promoting fulfilment of responsibilities through research stewardship to drive trust in research and sustainable partnerships

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**Abstract:**

Trust in research and research institutions is vital for forming partnerships and creating opportunities for impacting complex challenges. It relies on the support of a responsible research culture, which fosters honest, ethical, and conscientious research conduct and activities. In 2023 UTS introduced a Research Stewardship team to promote responsible research culture through the lens of stewardship, an approach that is holistic, outcomes-focused, and values continual improvement and engagement with best practice. It's an approach seeking to go beyond mere compliance.

To support competency in stewardship, UTS has begun to evolve its education and training. We are, for example, currently updating our research integrity training from a focus on awareness of The Australian Code to a focus on practices. We are piloting a multi-pronged approach across areas of responsibility:

- Resource provision: We have used home-grown resources, curated, and externally-developed resources in education and training.
- Community building: We have brought people together formally and informally to learn from others.
- Tools for connecting: We have proactively worked with others inside and outside the university sector to find, develop and promote shared languages for communicating with stakeholders about benefits and risks related to research.

In trialing a mixture of approaches for researchers and support staff, we have faced challenges in prioritizing discipline contexts or general principles, organizational complexity, and balancing acute with chronic needs. A work in progress, we will share insights from learning how to leverage and feed back to the research ecosystem for stewarding of research for our current and future worlds.