IADT Good Research Practice Guidelines 2025-2029

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1. Introduction + Purpose

This document outlines guidelines for good research practice across all disciplines and domains at IADT. It is informed by the [HEA Principles of Good Practice in Research within the Irish Higher Education Institutions](#) (2022) and other relevant frameworks, policies and procedures.

Rather than providing an exhaustive set of rules, these guidelines support IADT's broader researcher policy framework. They aim to foster a culture of good conduct, critical reflection, and self-regulation among all those engaged in research at IADT.

2. Scope

The guidelines apply to:

- All IADT staff involved in research activities;
- All students undertaking research at undergraduate, postgraduate, or doctoral level;
- All visiting researchers and collaborators officially engaged in research at IADT.

3. Alignment with Institutional Policies and Procedures

These guidelines complement and support the IADT Research Policy (2025), and should be read in conjunction with the Institute's wider policy and procedural framework. This includes, but is not limited to:

- IADT Academic Integrity Policy;
- IADT Complaints Policy: Student and General;
- IADT Student Complaints Procedure;
- IADT General Complaints Procedure
- IADT Code of Conduct for Staff Members;
- IADT Data Protection Policy;
- IADT Dignity and Respect Policy and Procedures for Bullying and Harassment;
- IADT Dignity and Respect Policy and Procedures for Sexual Misconduct;
- IADT Equal Opportunities Policy;
- IADT Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy;
- IADT Ethics Policy;
- IADT Gender Identity and Gender Expression Policy;
- IADT General Complaints Policy and Procedures;
- IADT Good Practice in Research Guidelines;
- IADT Grievance Procedures;
- IADT Health and Safety Procedures;
- IADT ICT Acceptable Users Policy;
- IADT Intellectual Property Policy;
- IADT Leave Policies (various);
- IADT Postgraduate Research Handbook;
- IADT Procedures and Guidelines for Research Degrees;
- IADT Procurement Policy;
- IADT Records Management, Retention and Destruction Policy;
- IADT Staff Disciplinary Policy;
- IADT Staff Training and Development Policy;
- IADT Travel and Subsistence Policy;
- IADT Virtual Learning Environment Policy.

All IADT Policies and Procedures are available from the IADT website: https://iadt.ie/about/iadt-policies-procedures/

4. Principles of Good Research Practice

IADT is committed to the highest standards of rigour in all research activities. These principles are aligned with the HEA's nine key areas of good research practice:

4.1 Excellence in Research and Academic Freedom

IADT promotes excellence in research across all disciplines and at all career stages. The Institute affirms the principle of academic freedom, supporting researchers to question and test received wisdom, and share new ideas within the bounds of the law.

o *IADT Research Policy*

4.2 Research Integrity and Ethics

IADT upholds honesty, accuracy, transparency, objectivity and methodological rigour in research. A culture of integrity is actively fostered at all levels, with leadership playing a critical role in setting expectations.

o *IADT Ethics Policy*
o *IADT Research Policy*

4.3 Open Research

Aligned with Ireland's [National Action Plan for Open Research 2022-2030](#) (2023), IADT supports:

- Research outputs that are as open and as closed as necessary;
- [FAIR](#) principles (findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable) in research data management;
- Research data that is responsibly stored, curated, and shared;
- Training and support in Open Research practices.

4.4 Intellectual Property and Knowledge Transfer

IADT recognises the value of research as a public good. While protecting intellectual property rights, the Institute supports broad dissemination and collaborative research, both nationally and internationally.

o *IADT Intellectual Property Policy*

4.5 Researcher Development

IADT provides career development support for researchers at all levels, including training in good research practices and supervision. The Institute holds a duty of care towards:

- Doctoral students (in partnership with Maynooth University);
- First time and experienced supervisors;
- Early-career and established researchers.

4.6 Research Project and Programme Management

All IADT affiliated research projects must comply with:

- Laws and regulatory requirements;
- Financial, procurement, and funder-specific terms and conditions;
- Health and safety and quality assurance protocols;
- Risk management, insurance, and recruitment policies.

o *IADT Health and Safety documents can be found [here](#).*
o *IADT Human Resources policies and procedures can be found [here](#).*

4.7   Dignity and Respect

IADT's fosters a positive and respectful culture that:

- Recognises and protects all participants in research, including vulnerable participants and animal subjects;
- Ensures freedom from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and sexual misconduct
- Upholds ethical treatment of participants, including informed consent, confidentiality, and data protection.

o *IADT Dignity and Respect Policy and Procedures for Bullying and Harassment*.
o *IADT Dignity and Respect Policy and Procedures for Sexual Misconduct*.

4.8   Gender Equality and Inclusiveness

IADT is committed to gender equality and broader inclusiveness in research.
Objectives include:

- Gender balance in research leadership;
- Integration of gender and EDI dimensions across all stages of the research process, including design, methodology, analysis, and dissemination;
- An inclusive culture that goes beyond gender to recognise and address intersectional dimensions of identity and marginalisation.

o *IADT Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy*
o *IADT Policy on Gender Identity and Gender Expression*

4.9   Research and Sustainability

IADT supports research that is aligned with the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs) and Ireland's [Climate Action Plan](#) (2024). Researchers are encouraged to:

- Identify and minimise the environmental impact of their work;
- Align with the "Do No Significant Harm" principle (EU Regulation 2020/852);
- Promote sustainable, long-term impact through research.

o *IADT Institute Climate Action Roadmap* can be found [here](#).
o *IADT Research Policy*