Research ethics and research integrity scenario competition

To enrich The Embassy of Good Science's collection of scenarios and encourage community ownership, we invite you to share your fictional research integrity scenarios on the Embassy. Complete submissions will be published on the Embassy website and candidates will receive a certificate for participation. The top two submissions will receive a cash prize to the value of €500 and will be offered the chance to present their scenario during the final conference.

What is a scenario?

A scenario describes a story in a research setting (e.g., laboratory) with actors (e.g., three PhD researchers and two supervisors) and one or more ethical issues (e.g., bias) that may be due to a conflict of values/norms or personal tensions. Scenarios prompt learning objectives with questions that may be suitable for different stakeholders. Click here for a sample scenario.

Who can participate?

Students, researchers, research ethics and integrity experts and those who have collaborated in academic projects in other capacities (e.g., technical, administrative, managerial).

How to participate?

Use the provided template and submit your fictional scenarios to info@embassy.science before 15 October 2021.

- Scenarios should be submitted in English and be shorter than 800 words (excluding questions). Please do not include any information that could be used to identify real persons, labs, institutions, or current/historical incidents.
- Scenarios should include questions targeted at one or several of the following stakeholders: researchers, research administrators, research ethics and research integrity experts.
- Scenarios should focus on one of the eight research contexts provided by the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity (ECCRI), including 1) Research Environment, 2) Training, Supervision and Mentoring, 3) Research procedures, 4) Safeguards, 5) Data Practices and Management, 6) Collaborative Working, 7) Publication and Dissemination, 8) Reviewing, Evaluating and Editing.

Assessment criteria

Scenarios are assessed by a panel of experts (Mohammad Hosseini, Bert Gordijn, Ružica Tokalić, Kris Dierickx, Samuel Bruton and Diana Adela Martin) based on:

1) Accessibility: Scenarios should be understandable for anyone with an undergraduate degree.
2) Shades of grey: Scenarios will score highly if they highlight grey areas or problems that are not clearly covered by codes of conduct and guidelines.
3) Comprehensiveness: Interdisciplinary issues and international settings are desirable. Scenarios will score highly if they cover several norms within the ECCRI's eight contexts.
4) Questions' quality: It is important to formulate thought-/discussion-provoking questions.

The above four criteria are rated on a scale 1-5. If there is a tie, a discussion between members of the jury will clarify the winner.

▮ Personal information

First and last name	
ORCID	
Institution	
Position	

▮ Scenario

Title:
Research area(s) discussed in the scenario:
ECCRI context(s) discussed in the scenario:
Narrative (maximum 800 words):

Keywords (these will be used for tagging purposes):
References:

Suggestions for further readings:

▮ Questions (you may formulate several questions for one, two, or all three stakeholders)

Questions for researchers:

Questions for research administrators:

Questions for research ethics committees and research integrity offices: