

# Research Guidance Note 1

## Definitions of research, knowledge exchange and researchers

For the purpose of the Code of Practice on Research Integrity we consider all work of Research and Knowledge Exchange carried out under the name of Edinburgh Napier University to be governed by this Code.

### Research

This Code uses the definition of research as described in the Assessment framework and guidance on submissions for the Research Excellence Framework<sup>13</sup>. It is defined as ‘a process of investigation leading to new insights, effectively shared... It includes work of direct relevance to the needs of commerce, industry, and to the public and voluntary sector; scholarship; the invention and generation of ideas, images, performances, artefacts including design, where these lead to new or substantially improved insights; and the use of existing knowledge in experimental development to produce new or substantially improved materials, devices, products and processes, including design and construction’.

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<sup>13</sup> The ‘Draft Guidance on submissions’ for the Research Excellence Framework.

Available at

[http://www.ref.ac.uk/media/ref,2021/downloads/Draft%20Guidance%20on%20submissions%20REF%202018\\_1.pdf](http://www.ref.ac.uk/media/ref,2021/downloads/Draft%20Guidance%20on%20submissions%20REF%202018_1.pdf)

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**Knowledge Exchange**

This Code uses a definition of Knowledge Exchange as the process by which universities, HEIs, and colleges' knowledge, expertise and intellectually linked assets are constructively applied beyond further and higher education for the wider benefit of the economy and society, through two-way engagement with business, the public sector, cultural and community partners.

**Researchers**

Following the UK Research Integrity Office Code of Practice for Research (2009)<sup>14</sup> researchers are defined 'as any people who conduct research, including but not limited to: as an employee; as an independent contractor or consultant; as a research student; as a visiting or emeritus member of staff; or as a member of staff on a joint clinical or honorary contract'.

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<sup>14</sup> The UK Research Integrity Office 'Code of Practice for Research' (2009). Available at <http://www.ukrio.org/wp-content/uploads/UKRIO-Code-of-Practice-for-Research.pdf> [last accessed December 2015]