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« RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS »

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SUMMARY

Scientific integrity issues are usually examined independently of the institutions in which they arise or which solve them. While this approach is often justified, it is nonetheless useful to question the links that may exist between research integrity on the one hand and the nature and functioning of scientific institutions on the other. Indeed, institutions can help to avoid or control misconduct or, conversely, generate adverse ethical effects.

Inversely, the ethical or unethical behaviour of individual researchers or groups of researchers can have a favourable or unfavourable impact on the life of institutions.

