



2027 APPE RISESM Pre-Conference Workshop

Engagement

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Developing and maintaining cultures of research integrity depends on genuine, sustained engagement from researchers. While leadership can promote research integrity, institutional cultures remain stagnant in the absence of participation from researchers themselves. Engagement—both top-down and bottom-up—is crucial for building and maintaining cultures of research integrity.

Researchers often perceive integrity training as a compliance exercise—a box to be checked—making it difficult for administrators to elicit meaningful involvement and raising questions about how to do so. Projects like [Innovative Research and Ethical Impact \(IREI\)](#) and the [Notable Scholars Promoting Innovative Research and Ethics Lecture Series \(NSPIRE\)](#) at Virginia Tech demonstrate what scalable, community-oriented approaches to research integrity can look like, harnessing the discipline-specific knowledge and social networks of researchers. Experiences in researcher engagement—both successes and stumbling blocks—can offer lessons.

The 2027 APPE RISESM Pre-Conference Workshop will focus on “engagement.” Participants will share about, reflect on, and contribute to understandings of engagement in research integrity—what it means, where it happens, how it flourishes, and where it flounders. The workshop will be participatory and exploratory in nature: Rather than presenting settled answers, it aims at asking better questions and developing shared strategies for moving toward engagement in research integrity.

Call for Proposals

The 2027 APPE RISESM Pre-Conference Workshop invites proposals for roundtable presentations focused on engagement in research integrity. We are seeking presentations that share concrete examples of succeeding or struggling to elicit engagement from researchers—as opposed to theoretical reflections. These could include specific approaches, tools, or strategies and might focus on: engaging

researchers through RCR education and outreach, peers engaging each other through communities of practice or informal conversations, researchers engaging with students/trainees through mentorship, or institutions engaging all these actors through policies, programs, and initiatives

Presentations will be followed by facilitated discussion with all attendees. A central aim of the workshop will be conceptualizing and operationalizing engagement, distinguishing it from activities that are merely interactive or participatory, to develop frameworks and approaches to understand and measure engagement in research integrity.

Submission Instructions

Corresponding authors should submit abstracts up to 300 words and blinded for peer review through the [2027 APPE RISE proposal portal](#). **[Please note, this is not the Ex Ordo system used for the main APPE conference.]**

As part of the submission process, authors should indicate whether they intend to present an example of engagement that went well or could have gone better.

Presentations not focused on engagement as conceptualized above are welcome to be considered for the main APPE program, which includes research integrity topics.

The APPE RISESM Pre-Conference Symposium is a special session of the Annual APPE International Conference. Authors who would like their proposals to be considered for a general session during the APPE in-person conference, or the APPE online conference, if not accepted to the APPE RISESM Pre-Conference Symposium, should indicate this preference during the submission process. Proposals will not be selected for presentation at both the APPE RISESM Pre-Conference Symposium and the APPE main conference program.

You cannot save and come back to edit your submission later, and you cannot edit it after it has been submitted. If you have questions about the submission form, or need to edit something after submitting, please contact APPE Executive Director Kristen Fuhs Wells at kristen@appe-ethics.org.

The deadline for submission has been extended to October 26, 2026. [Submit here.](#)

For more information about the APPE RISESM Pre-Conference Symposium, contact Iris Jenkins (irisj@vt.edu). For more information about APPE, the annual conference, and hotel and travel accommodations, visit the [APPE conference webpage](#).