

# RESEARCH & IMPACT CHARTER

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this Charter is to define the role, responsibilities, composition, and proceedings of the Research & Impact Committee of the Financial Integrity Hub (FIH). It establishes the governance framework within which the Committee operates to support the development, coordination, and evaluation of FIH's research agenda and impact strategy.

## ROLE

The Research & Impact Committee provides oversight and strategic advice on FIH's research priorities, partnerships, and outputs. The Committee ensures the academic integrity, quality, and relevance of FIH's research, facilitates collaboration with industry and academic partners, and evaluates the impact of research outcomes on policy, practice, and global discussions on financial crime.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

In carrying out its role, the key responsibilities of the Committee include the activities outlined in the following section. In meeting these responsibilities, the Committee will receive and consider information prepared by other FIH groups, committees, and leadership, making relevant queries of leadership as necessary.

1. Advising on the development and implementation of FIH's research strategy, ensuring alignment with the organisation's vision and strategic priorities.
2. Supporting the preparation and submission of competitive research grant applications to secure funding for FIH research initiatives.
3. Initiating and facilitating collaborative research projects with industry, government, and academic partners, focusing on real-world application and impact.
4. Reviewing and providing quality assurance for FIH research outputs, including peer-reviewed articles, policy briefs, and edited collections.
5. Ensuring the academic integrity and ethical conduct of all FIH research activities in compliance with policies and international standards.
6. Evaluating the impact of FIH's research on policy, practice, and global financial crime prevention efforts.
7. Facilitating collaboration between FIH Research Fellows, HDR students, and external experts to enhance research quality and capacity.
8. Supporting the recruitment and onboarding of leading researchers and experts to strengthen FIH's research capability.
9. Providing strategic advice on research partnerships and alliances to expand FIH's national and international network.
10. Supporting the translation of research findings into actionable recommendations for policymakers, regulators, and practitioners.
11. Contributing to the preparation of research and impact reporting for inclusion in the FIH Annual Report and other key publications.
12. Identifying opportunities for FIH to contribute to global discussions and initiatives on financial crime and integrity.

13. Fostering a collaborative and inclusive research environment that supports academic excellence, innovation, and thought leadership in financial crime prevention.

### COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

- The Committee will be chaired by the FIH Director or their delegate.
- Standing members will include:
  - A designated member of the Reference Advisory Group (RAG)
  - The FIH Director (or their delegate)
  - An Individual Placement Student (PACE or other) assigned to the Committee
- Additional attendees may be invited at the discretion of the Chair, including subject matter experts or members of other FIH committees.
- Secretariat support will be provided by the PACE Student as designated by the Director.
- Members are expected to actively participate in discussions and contribute to the effective functioning of the Committee.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- The Committee will meet at least twice per academic session, with additional meetings scheduled as required.
- Meetings may be held in person or via teleconference.
- Recommendations from the Committee are advisory in nature and will be submitted to the Reference Advisory Group and Director for consideration and action.
- The Committee may establish working groups to address specific tasks or areas of focus, as agreed by the Chair.

**Approved by the Financial Integrity Hub**

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