# Long term outcome assessment of a training in Responsible Research Practices

Proof of concept study

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# **Evaluation in higher education**



"Impact is the extent to which the intervention has generated or is expected to generate positive or negative, intended or unintended, higher-level effects."

(Definition of Impact by the OECD)



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#### Matching procedure:

- Lab
- Career level/ scientific age
- Gender
- Subject area
- Nr. of publication







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### Delphi survey on RRP Indicators





# **Delphi results**



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n\_ratings sum\_score

300

## Prompt development

-	DETAILED RESEARCH QUESTION	Prompts on humans/ animals/cells, disease/ problem, age, sex, intervention
2	STUDY PROTOCOL	
e	DETAILED METHOD PLAN	
4	HYPOTHESIS	& prediction about relationship, outcome that address the hypothesis
'n	ANALYSIS PLAN	Statistical test, test statistic value & criterion for statistical significance
0	LIMITATIONS	& biases
7	IN- AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA	
00	POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE CONTROL	
0	RANDOMIZATION	
10	SAMPLE SIZE	BIH QUEST Center for Responsible Research

# **Review process**









# **Results qualitative evaluation**

#### getting support

"When I came back, [...] my professor was really happy I joined the [QUEST training]. And I asked for funding from the hospital, and everyone was quite happy. My professor said, 'Okay. So when you come back, you have to teach us all these things.'"

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#### No support – no discouragement

"[...] I have to also say, that he/she [supervisor] is not discouraging me from doing it. He/she is also not really supportive. It is like: 'Yes, do whatever you want.' I can tell you an anecdote: When I started my PhD, I told him/her I'll do my experiments in a blinded fashion, it is important. And he/she was half-jokingly answering: ,Yeah, okay, sure, do it. If you don't want to get publishable results, it is your way'. And I think, I mean, he/she is not 100 percent serious with that, but I think it is still showing, how he/she thinks about it."

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With regard to OS & RRP adoption, the *Work Environment* is a key factor that needs to be understood in its complexity.

• ECRs point out that leadership by more senior researchers is crucial, as supervisors can either actively support or prevent the adoption of OS and RRP.



## **Impact pathway**



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# Thank you for your attention!

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