

Open Research Working Group Terms of Reference

Open research, sometimes known as open science, is the process of transparently sharing research outputs, methods, and materials throughout the research process under terms that enable reuse and redistribution, where possible (this definition is drawn from a [primer on open research drafted by the UK Reproducibility Network](#) – UKRN)

Open research will look different in different disciplines, and researchers will be motivated to make their research openly available for different reasons, from reproducibility to increasing accessibility.

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The Group recognises the rich diversity of different social sciences in the School, and of different views and motivations to adopt open research practices in each discipline in the School. This diversity also means that there is a variety of traditional and non-traditional research outputs that researchers across the School may want to make openly available, and the Group reflects this diversity in training, guidelines, and events.

The Group aims to increase awareness of open research and supports a wider community of interested researchers and staff who may contribute to specific events, initiatives, and training opportunities. The ORWG also looks to embed open research principles in the governance of research at LSE, in particular working with the Research Ethics Committee to align on relevant guidance.

The Group acts as the Local Network for the UK Reproducibility Network (UKRN). The LSE local network of the UKRN was founded by some members of the ORWG in 2019 as a grassroots network at the LSE to discuss reproducibility issues across the social sciences.

Funding and budget

The events of the working group are being funded by the Library for 2024-25. The group will seek funding opportunities from elsewhere in the School and externally to support our activities.

Reporting

The ORWG will report to Research Committee on an ad-hoc basis and when major changes to the School's approach to Open Research are proposed.

Group Membership

The ORWG will be comprised of researchers and professional services staff with an interest in Open Research and a commitment to enact change across LSE. In order to allow for effective discussion and decision-making the group will be limited to 15 members and will aim to include at least one member from each of the 5 groups of departments/research centres: <https://info.lse.ac.uk/staff/divisions/Secretarys-Division/Assets/Documents/Governance/AB-committee-vacancies/AB-Constituency-Groups.pdf>.

The Chair's responsibilities are to ensure that the group runs according to these Terms of Reference, meets regularly, and is reflective of the range of interests represented at LSE.

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