
Student Success - A journal exploring the experiences of students in tertiary education

International Standards for Editors

Responsible Research Publication: International standards for editors

The following guidelines were developed by the [Committee on Publication Ethics](#) (COPE) during the 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity in Singapore in 2010. The Journal *Student Success* aligns itself with COPE's best practice guidelines for dealing with ethical issues in journal publishing and has adopted the COPE guidelines which the journal members (Advisory Board, editors and the journal manager) have agreed meet the purposes and objectives of the Journal.

Introduction

The COPE International Standards for Editors note:

As guardians and stewards of the research record, editors should encourage authors to strive for, and adhere themselves to, the highest standards of publication ethics. Furthermore, editors are in a unique position to indirectly foster responsible conduct of research through their policies and processes. To achieve the maximum effect within the research community, ideally all editors should adhere to universal standards and good practices. While there are important differences between different fields and not all areas covered are relevant to each research community, there are important common editorial policies, processes, and principles that editors should follow to ensure the integrity of the research record.

(Kleinert & Wage, 2011)

The following is a summary of COPE's international **standards for editors**. To be a good editor requires many more principles than are covered here. These suggested principles, policies, and processes are particularly aimed at fostering research and publication integrity. The comprehensive guidelines can be downloaded [here](#)

- **Editors are accountable and should take responsibility for everything they publish**
- **Editors should make fair and unbiased decisions independent from commercial consideration and ensure a fair and appropriate peer review process**
- **Editors should adopt editorial policies that encourage maximum transparency and complete, honest reporting**
- **Editors should guard the integrity of the published record by issuing corrections and retractions when needed and pursuing suspected or alleged research and publication misconduct**
- **Editors should pursue reviewer and editorial misconduct**
- **Editors should critically assess the ethical conduct of studies in humans and animals**
- **Peer reviewers and authors should be told what is expected of them**
- **Editors should have appropriate policies in place for handling editorial conflicts of interest**

Reference:

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