

# TOP 5 TIPS

## The Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)



### A SERIOUSLY WIDE UPTAKE

Over 19,000 individuals and organisations in over 145 countries have signed DORA. In the United Kingdom, over 200 organisations are signatories.



### 'REPUTATION' AND 'PRESTIGE' ARE FRAUGHT

Prestige and esteem afforded to journals and institutions based upon metrics, income, league table rankings, and name recognition largely favour the Global North. Refraining from using uncritical notions of esteem/reputation can be used to help dissolve historical hierarchies.



### EQUITY, INEQUALITY AND RESPONSIBILITY MATTER

Responsibility for opening up the academic community beyond its traditional membership lies within those who currently hold the power in the system, including tenured faculty, administrators, and those with seniority.



### A MORE HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT

The Declaration of Research Assessment (DORA) seeks to grow the importance of other research outputs, such as training new researchers or producing new intellectual property, while encouraging a judgement based on scientific content of research papers, not journal impact factors.



### IMPACT FACTORS AREN'T FIT FOR PURPOSE

The Journal Impact Factor was originally created as a tool to help librarians identify journals to purchase, not as a measure of the scientific quality of research in an article.