

TRCL acknowledgements and publications policy

Prior to accessing the TRCL Facility we request that all users and their supervisors read and sign the policy below.

1. We expect **all** publications that include data taken at the TRCL facility to acknowledge the EPSRC Strategic Equipment Grant which funded the facility. The relevant grant number is: EP/R025193/1.
2. The TRCL is a user facility, and where a user is trained and then records and interprets data independently for use in a publication, only an acknowledgement of the original grant is required. However, support is available to users in various forms, and TRCL staff work in close consultation with the TRCL Facility Lead on design of experiments and interpretation of data to facilitate user research. Hence, under some circumstances, we expect authorship on papers resulting from use of the TRCL facility to be offered to TRCL staff and the TRCL Facility Lead. Those circumstances are as follows:
 - a. Where a TRCL facility staff member records the data which is included in the paper. This includes where data is recorded by a TRCL facility staff member during training sessions and that data is later published.
 - b. Where a TRCL facility staff member modifies the equipment to facilitate a measurement.
 - c. Where a TRCL facility staff member is substantially involved in data analysis or interpretation, including where a TRCL facility staff member develops new analysis routines or is significantly involved in modifying/writing software routines underpinning the analysis.
 - d. Where a TRCL facility staff member advises substantially on the development of a new measurement procedure.
 - e. Where a TRCL facility staff member makes another significant contribution to the published work.

We acknowledge that it will not always be clear whether authorship is appropriate, so please discuss with us if you have concerns about this. In issuing this policy, we commit to not requesting authorship for TRCL facility staff except where they have contributed meaningfully to the specific work.

3. We note that under some circumstances, such as where agreement cannot be reached on interpretation of the data, TRCL staff may decline authorship of papers even when offered.
4. All papers where TRCL staff are authors will be carefully read by the relevant staff member and the TRCL Facility Lead, and suggestions made for improvement as appropriate. We can also provide text describing relevant experimental methods upon request and can contribute to the drafting of description or discussion of TRCL data as appropriate. We undertake to check, as far as possible, that all content concerning measurements taken at the TRCL facility is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

This policy was prepared by Prof Rachel Oliver (TRCL Facility Lead) and Dr Gunnar Kusch (TRCL Facility Experimental Officer), in consultation with the TRCL Facility User Access Panel. (1/8/23)

I acknowledge that I have read and understood the above policy and will abide by it.

Signed:

TRCL user

TRCL user's supervisor