

Biography

Chris Graf is the Research Integrity Director (a position he has held since September 2021) and Leader of the Editorial Excellence Team (since January 2022) at Springer Nature. In these roles, he is in charge of leading the continued development and implementation of Springer Nature's research integrity strategy, leading a 20-person team accountable for upholding the highest standards for research integrity in all of Springer Nature's publications. Chris also serves the publishing sector with a voluntary role at the STM Association, the global trade association for academic and professional publishers, where he chairs a committee of senior publishing industry executives overseeing governance of the STM Integrity Hub. The STM Integrity Hub is an initiative launched early 2022 to equip the publishers (and the scholarly communication community) with data, intelligence, and technology to protect research integrity.

Chris has decades of experience in the intersection of scientific publications, academic research, and the ethics of the scientific peer review process. He was a long-time volunteer and is a continuing advocate for the Committee on Publication Ethics ("COPE"), serving in a number of positions from 2005 to 2020 including treasurer, vice-chair, and co-chair, and has worked in a number of other positions at the intersection of research integrity and publishing. He has served on the World Conference of Research Integrity programme committee since 2017. He has written widely on the topic of publishing and academic integrity in the peer review process, including published articles on minimum report standards for life scientists and on how different models of peer review impact final research quality.

Chris started at Wiley in 2004, serving as a Publisher and then an Associate Editorial Director in clinical medicine. He published Wiley's first edition best practice guidelines on publication ethics. In 2011, he was promoted to serve on secondment as the Editorial Director for Health and Life Sciences in Australia. On his return to the UK in 2014 he worked in Wiley's innovation team as the Digital Learning Director and Learned Society Partnership Director, from 2014-2017. His time at Wiley continued with him becoming the Director of Research Integrity in the Wiley Open Research team, a post he held from 2017 to 2021. Chris began his career as an Editor for various publications and holds a bachelor's degree in Chemistry.