

Avoid predatory conferences

Predatory conferences training module

What are predatory conferences?

- A predatory conference operates a scam by setting up fake conference websites designed to trick authors into believing that they are submitting their work to a legitimate existing conference in the field
- They provide misleading information about their conference to potential authors and attendees

Attendance at a predatory or deceptive conference can damage your research career and the reputation of the University, and waste precious time and money!

Why should I avoid predatory conferences?



The Queen's University Senate Policy on [Integrity in Research](#) states that researchers must:

- "[use] a high level of rigour in proposing and performing research; in recording, analyzing, and interpreting data; and in reporting and publishing data and findings."
- "[make] results of work accessible to the scholarly community and general public through the submission for publication, conferences, lectures, public performance and/or other appropriate means..."

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The [School of Graduate Studies Academic Integrity Policy](#) states that graduate students must:

- pursue their research activities in a manner that is consistent with the highest standards of ethical and scientific practice...”

- "have the utmost regard for the principles of academic integrity...

How do I avoid predatory conferences?: 1 of 2.

Option 1

Visit [Think. Check. Attend.](#) and read its [Check List](#) and use its [Conference Checker tool](#) to help confirm the legitimacy of a conference.



How do I avoid predatory conferences?: 2 of 2



Option 2

Visit the [How To Identify Deceptive Publishers or Conferences](#) research guide from the Queen's University Library.

For more help or further information



Contact your [Subject Liaison Librarian](#) or [Scholarly Publishing Librarian](#) to schedule a consultation.