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Press Release

University of Mannheim joins German Reproducibility Network (GRN)

Since July 2022, the University of Mannheim has become a member of the German Reproducibility Network (GRN), a multidisciplinary consortium advocating for more transparency in research. The University of Mannheim is the first university to join this network.

The German Reproducibility Network (GRN) is a multidisciplinary consortium that aims to increase trustworthiness and transparency of scientific research. Their focus is on the reproducibility of scientific results, whereby repetitions using the same or similar data, code, analyses, and methods yield the same results as the original study. The GRN was established in February 2021. Members are research institutions, scientific societies and reproducibility initiatives. The University of Mannheim is the first university to join the GRN.

The University of Mannheim is committed to the goals of transparent and inclusive research practices, open access to scientific results, and reproducibility of research results. Therefore, the university established an Open Science Office in 2021. The Open Science Office supports researchers in implementing open science practices and brings open science issues into strategic discussions at the University of Mannheim.

As a new member of the GRN, the University of Mannheim will share its experience with an institutional and interdisciplinary approach to open science and support other institutions in developing similar structures and activities. It will also share experiences, materials and information on open science and reproducibility for research with the GRN. The collaboration between the GRN and the University of Mannheim will advance efforts that lead to more open science and reproducibility in the research landscape throughout Germany.

The Vice President for Research and Early-Stage Researchers at the University of Mannheim, Professor Henning Hillmann, Ph.D., sees the membership as an important step: "Research practices are evolving, and the University of Mannheim is committed to leading the way in this shift toward openness and transparency. Membership in the GRN underlines this commitment and connects us on a national level with the other players in this area. We are proud to be part of the GRN and look forward to the future collaboration."

Links:

German Reproducibility Network (GRN): <https://reproducibilitynetwork.de/>
Open Science Office der Universität Mannheim: <https://www.uni-mannheim.de/open-science/open-science-office/>

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