

## Academic Integrity 2020 ± 20

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What will it take for academic integrity to be at the heart of the educational system? In this opening keynote presentation, Dr Thomas Lancaster reviews his personal journey as an academic integrity researcher and practitioner and speculate on challenges the academic community will face in the future, including the threats posed by developing technology and artificial intelligence.

Using examples from across his twenty years working in this field, Thomas suggests the challenges researchers were trying to address in 2000 could still be there in 2040, unless the academic community develops a plan of action. Many research metrics are moving in the right direction; for example, 2019 saw almost as many papers published on contract as the previous decade combined. But publications alone do not indicate that lasting change has occurred. In his keynote, Thomas discusses the need for the community to learn from previous research, to inspire the next generation of researchers and to complete meaningful and useful studies. Only by ensuring that the value of academic qualifications is upheld can the future happiness of all students be assured.