Accountability, Governance & Fraud

Research concentrates on issues in accountability, governance, and assurance – as they relate to controlling fraud and other forms of workplace misconduct – and responding to organisational crises.

Competitive advantage

- The nexus of industry and academic thought leaders in examining fraud
- Recognised for work in research and teaching through awards from the International Federation of Accountants, Emerald Publishers, and the Accounting and Finance Association of Australia and New Zealand

Impact

- A recent Australian Institute of Criminology study estimated that fraud offences exceed $6 billion p.a. - approximately 40% of the total cost of crime in Australia and more than the cost of maintaining all Australian police services. The research aims to contribute to research in fraud and advance anti-fraud policy and best practice for organisations, governments, and the accounting profession to combat this enormous cost.

Successful applications

- Research on serious workplace fraud, which is currently focused on offender strategies and other factors mitigating the effectiveness of management controls to detect/prevent fraud
- A study of the assurance-based response to a major salary-cap fraud within the National Rugby League in Australia

Capabilities and resources

- Expertise and industry partnerships in fraud research
- Heavy involvement in the McGrathNicol Financial Crime Exchange
- Representation on the Board of:
    - Accounting, Auditing, and Accountability Journal
    - Australian Science Innovations

- Fellowship of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

Our partners

- Government – Australian Institute of Criminology
- Industry – McGrathNicol

Professional Associations

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