

Research Integrity Annual Report: 2022-2023

1. Introduction

We started 2022-2023 considering indicators of research integrity and the importance of metrics in relation to other key areas intimately related to research integrity, such as research culture. A good research culture creates the necessary positive environment to ensure the highest standards of research integrity. At the same time, strong processes to support research integrity are an essential part of a good research culture. In this context, we have started the work to ensure our adherence to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA).

As part of our ongoing commitment to the Concordat to Support Research Integrity, we undertook a number of activities. We updated our external page to reinforce our message of commitment and our expectations that staff, students and other individuals permitted to work in the University will observe the highest standards of integrity in relation to any research work which is supported by the University and/or conducted on its premises.

A key part of ensuring that research integrity continues to be considered at the highest level in the institution is to increase awareness amongst senior stakeholders. To this end, a workshop with senior researchers and other key senior stakeholders, and led by UKRIO, took place in July 2023.

2. University Policies and Regulations (UPRs) on Research Integrity and on Studies involving Human Participants

The following UPRs, of direct and indirect relevance to Research Integrity, were reviewed and re-approved, in line with our annual process:

- [Bribery and Corruption \(Section 7.4.1. Conflict in Interest in Research\) – UPR GV12](#)
- [Data Management Policy – UPR IM16](#)
- [Data Protection Policy and Privacy Statement - UPR IM08](#)
- [Ethics Committees with Delegated Authority \(ECDAs\) – UPR RE01, Appendix II](#)
- [Protocol for Reflective Practitioner Work by Academic Staff – UPR RE01, Appendix I](#)
- [Research Misconduct – UPR RE02](#)
- [Studies Involving the Use of Human Participants – UPR RE01](#)

3. Cases of Research Misconduct

There were no formal or informal cases of research misconduct for staff or postgraduate research students.

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