

## **Annual Report on Research Integrity 2021-22**

As part of our ongoing commitment to the **Concordat to Support Research Integrity**, we continue to **review the relevant University Policies and Regulations**, (see listed below), that are of most direct, and indirect, relevance to Research Integrity in line with our annual process and in light of developments in the sector:

- [Bribery and Corruption \(Section 7.4.1. Conflict in Interest in Research\) – UPR GV12](#)
- [Data Management Policy \(and Appendices i - iv\) – UPR IM12](#)
- [Data Protection - UPR IM08](#)
- [Ethics Committees with Delegated Authority \(ECDAs\) – UPR RE01, Appendix II](#)
- [Protocol for Reflective Practitioner Work by Academic Staff – UPR RE01, Appendix](#)
- [Research Misconduct – UPR RE02](#)
- [Studies Involving the Use of Human Participants – UPR RE01](#)

Since the last report there have been **no formal cases of research misconduct** for staff or postgraduate research students. We instigated a **new reporting process** to enable more frequent identification of potential issues which allows recording and resolving of any potential issues in a timely fashion.

Our **working group** continued to review our processes as an ongoing activity towards our commitment to the Concordat and this indicated a need for further training provision across a range of aspects of Research Integrity and the embedding of Research Integrity in our research communications and processes. This provision would also support, and dovetail with, named actions in both our HR Excellence in Research and Athena SWAN action plans. Accordingly, funding was sought and received for a package of training and support materials to cover PGRs, post-doctoral researchers and ECRs but had broad applicability to all levels of research and was revised to incorporate changes in the updated Concordat. This was managed through the Doctoral College in a similar vein to the staff and student activities already in the Researcher Development remit and in collaboration with colleagues from the Research Office and the Research Integrity Working Group (RIWG).

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