

## **Research Integrity Annual Report: 2023-2024**

### **Introduction**

In 2023-2024 we continued to enhance our research integrity processes, awareness efforts, and training offering. We joined the sector in looking at UKCORI's Review of annual statements on research integrity, which revealed a huge variation in format and content amongst institutions. We scanned external research integrity training options, and were able to offer to up to 400 of our researchers and research students to participate in UKRIO's online training course 'An introduction to Research Integrity'. We also contributed to the sector's body of opinion by participating in the Concordat to support research integrity consultation.

### **University Policies and Regulations (UPRs)**

As part of our ongoing commitment to the Concordat to Support Research Integrity, we continued 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 IM16
- Data Protection 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

### **Cases of Research Misconduct**

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

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