

## Research Integrity Annual Report: 2014-2015

### **Research Misconduct**

There were no cases of research misconduct instigated during this period. A case initiated in 2013 was concluded in 2014. The case was in respect of a research student where misconduct was found and a proportionate penalty was applied.

### **Concordat to Support Research Integrity: Gap Analysis**

We utilised the audit tool provided by the UK Research Integrity Office to conduct a gap analysis of the University's structures, policies and procedures in term of the Concordat. The gap analysis examined our policies and systems, our dissemination, our culture and systems, how we address misconduct and monitoring and reporting. The process took several months and a broad level of compliance was identified across all these areas. The process of analysis also allowed us the opportunity to put measures in place where any need for further enhancement was identified. Findings were reported to, and approved by, the University Research Committee and an action plan is underway for some small amendments, largely in respect of making some process and activities more explicit.

### **Training and Development**

Following expansion of our training provision in the preceding year, positive feedback in respect of this provision lead to its continuance this reporting year. Additionally, the University's Doctoral College has made training on both Research Integrity and Plagiarism mandatory for all research degree students.

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