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TITLE	UUK RESEARCH INTEGRITY CONCORDAT – ANNUAL STATEMENT ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY 2019-20
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REPORT FROM:

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ISSUE:

Universities in receipt of a Research England grant are required to comply with the Concordat to Support Research Integrity published in 2012 by Universities UK, and revised in 2019. Integral to this compliance is an annual, public statement providing details of activities that enhance research integrity within universities. Through its alignment with the Concordat, the University is committed to submitting an annual overview report to its Governing Body of formal research integrity investigations.

SUMMARY:

The Concordat to Support Research Integrity seeks to provide a comprehensive national framework for good research conduct and its governance, and commits its members to:

- Maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research
- Ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards
- Supporting a research environment that is underpinned by a culture of integrity and based on good governance, best practice and support for the development of researchers
- Using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise
- Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly.

Statement:

The University of Greenwich is committed to the principles outlined in the Concordat. Research integrity has a significant and growing visibility within the University. Building on last year's new policies on Research Ethics and Ethical Research Collaborations, in conjunction with the expectations set out in the revised Concordat, new training is being advanced to ensure all staff

are signposted towards the appropriate policy/guidance. A gap analysis in terms of the expectations of the revised Concordat confirms our integrity framework is sound. Research integrity forms part of the developmental sessions for all academic staff engaging in research activities, under the auspices of the Research and Enterprise Training Institute (RETI). This year, the programme will be delivered by Dr. Dave Filipović-Carter, Director at Education-Training Ltd.

Handling allegations of research misconduct

Public visibility of our Research Integrity processes is evident from the University research webpage (<https://www.gre.ac.uk/research/governance-and-awards/research-integrity>), which contains the Code of Practice, Procedures for Investigating Research Misconduct, the Research Ethics Policy and Academic Regulations for Research Awards.

Statement on formal research misconduct investigations

There has been just one formal investigation of allegations of research misconduct involving research students or members of staff during the period 2019/20, and this is currently being progressed. That investigation pertains to the authorship of a scientific output (where inclusion of a named individual has been alleged to be inappropriate due to lack of significant contribution).

ACTION REQUIRED

that the Governing Body **notes** the annual statement on research integrity for 2019/20.