

## **Annual Statement on Research Integrity 2020-21**

### **Context**

It is a key requirement that universities in receipt of Research England funding comply with the *Concordat to Support Research Integrity* published in 2012 by Universities UK, and refreshed in 2019. An annual, public statement providing details of activities that enhance research integrity within universities is integral to this compliance.

The University of Greenwich is committed to the principles outlined in the Concordat. Research integrity has a significant visibility within the University, following the approval last year of updated procedures and Codes of Practice by Academic Council. Research integrity forms part of the developmental sessions for all academic staff engaging in research activities, delivered by the Research and Enterprise Training Institute (RETI).

### **Handling allegations of research misconduct**

Public visibility of our Research Integrity processes are 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.

### **Update on Research Integrity oversight**

Staff undertaking or supervising research which requires ethical approval are required to complete the online ethics training courses; termly ethics workshops organised through the Research and Enterprise Training Institute are optional though staff are strongly recommended to complete them.

Further, the Research Ethics Policy has been revised to clarify which procedures should be followed when investigating allegations of research misconduct involving staff, PGR students and UG/PGT students viz the University's Assessment Misconduct Procedure should be adopted to investigate ethics breaches by UG/PGT students, which has been amended to clarify the distinction.

### **Statement on formal research misconduct investigations**

There is one on-going investigation of research misconduct initiated during the period 2020-21, which 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).

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