

ANNUAL RESEARCH INTEGRITY POLICY STATEMENT

Overview of activities 2021-2022

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Specific actions and initiatives evidencing commitment to the Concordat to Support Research Integrity

Commitment 1: *Maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research*

The University has established and continues to articulate its key standards for research integrity in three main documents:

1. [*The Code of Practice for Research*](#)
2. [*The Research Governance Standard Operating Procedure*](#)
3. [*The Procedure for the Investigation of Allegations of Misconduct in Research*](#)

policies, guidance notes etc.) that underpin institutional Research Integrity and the committees through which the University sets standards for research. Sections were amended to ensure the currency of guidance and the accuracy of references to key legislation and plans made for rolling updates on a periodic basis.

The Research Ethics, Integrity and Governance team delivers **specific training to members of RECs and School Research Ethics Office (SREOs)**

- 'Ethics Reviewers Workshop: Researching in the Online World'
- 'Researcher wellbeing when working with difficult materials and subject areas and/or in problematic locations and the role of research supervisors'

Internally, the REIG team is represented on two key groups:

- The Open Research Group to champion Open Research, identify best practice nationally and internationally, initiate events to promote a stronger culture of Open Research at Sussex and develop an Open Research Strategy for the University.
- The newly formed Research Culture Steering Group, which led by the Deputy Pro VC (Research) seeks to oversee a long-term Research Culture strategy, ensuring alignment with the University's Strategic Framework and Values and taking into account the relevant external landscape.

Allegations of Misconduct in Research investigated in the 2022 academic year

The University first published a summary of research misconduct allegations in 2013. The aggregated record keeping of research misconduct allegations began in 2010. As required by UK Research and Innovation and Research England, figures are provided for the past 3

The following table shows instances of allegations of research misconduct

Number of formal investigations completed				Number of allegations upheld (in whole or in part)		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021