

Annual Statement of Research Integrity Compliance 2019-20

Concordat Support Research Integrity: All those engaged with research have a duty to consider how the work they undertake, host or support impacts on the research community and on wider society.

LSBU is committed to the principles set out in the concordat helps demonstrate to government, business, international partners and the public that they can continue to have confidence in the research produced by the UK research community. It provides assurances of the standards expected of all stakeholders, identifying five commitments that all those engaged with research should be able to make.

#	Principle	LSBU Evidence
1	Maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research	Policy on Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice is available on our Corporate Website http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance and on the university's intranet pages https://our.lsbu.ac.uk/home/academic-life/research-policies-and-procedures
2	Ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards	The activities of the School Ethics Panels scrutinise aspects of the conduct of research at LSBU, with more complex issues referred to the University Ethics Committee for review. No significant matters associated with research misconduct have been identified.
3	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	<p>Research and Enterprise handbook for staff outlining processes and procedures for conducting research and enterprise projects at LSBU - https://blog.lsbu.ac.uk/corporate-strategy/other-information/rei-guide/ LSBU's approach has been accepted as a case study on the Vitae website https://www.vitae.ac.uk/policy/hr-excellence-in-research/hr-excellence-in-research</p> <p>The University has a Researcher Development Group with representatives from all Schools. The group supports the practical implementation of the Concordat for the Career Development of Researchers http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development.</p> <p>REI training programme to provide appropriate training and events for development of researchers - http://www1.lsbu.ac.uk/osdt-training/index.php/courses Researcher Development training programme includes training in Researcher Integrity. http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development</p>
4	Using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise	<p>Corporate Procedure: Procedure for Investigation of Misconduct in Research (PDF File 316 KB) (link from LSBU website, http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance).</p> <p>The point of contact for Research Integrity matters is identified as Professor Peter Doyle http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance</p> <p>There have been no formal investigations of research misconduct either by research students or members of staff during the period 2019-20.</p>
5	Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly	<p>The LSBU Open Access Policy: http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance/open-access</p> <p>Research Integrity workshop has been made a compulsory component of the Key Skills Development Programme, one of ten mandatory training sessions for all PGR students http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development.</p>