

Annual Statement of Research Integrity Compliance 2024-25

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 .
2	Ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards	The activities of the College Ethics and Integrity Panels scrutinise aspects of the conduct of research at LSBU, with more complex issues referred to the University Ethics and Integrity Committee for review. Two ethics and integrity cases were reviewed by the University Ethics and Integrity Committee in 2024-25. No research misconduct was found.
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	Guidance on processes and bidding for grants our LSBU Connect pages, for example Research and Innovation https://connect.lsbu.ac.uk/Interact/Pages/Section/Default.aspx?Section=3915 Research grants https://connect.lsbu.ac.uk/page/2432 Knowledge transfer partnerships https://connect.lsbu.ac.uk/page/2480 Consultancy/ contract research https://connect.lsbu.ac.uk/page/2481 The University has a Researcher Development Group with representatives from all Schools/Colleges. The group supports the practical implementation of the current Concordat for the Career Development of Researchers https://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development . The Research Office has a training programme to provide appropriate training and events for the development of researchers - this training programme has been launched that includes training in Researcher Integrity and is mandatory for all PGR students. This is monitored at the formal progress panels throughout students' PGR programme which includes this as a key skill training. The students are informed that they will not have their thesis examined without confirmation of having completed the key skills training. https://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development
4	Using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise	LSBU London South Bank University (LSBU) is committed to addressing any allegations of research misconduct through transparent, robust, and fair processes. All relevant documents and policies, including the Procedure for Investigation of Misconduct in Research, are accessible via a dedicated page on the LSBU Research Governance website including the Procedure for Investigation of Misconduct in Research . This policy document is currently under revision. The Code of Practice for Research Ethics and Integrity was extensively reviewed approved in January 2025, and made publicly available on the LSBU website http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance . The point of contact for Research Integrity matters is Dr Rita de Oliveira at ethics@lsbu.ac.uk as noted in the same LSBU webpage.
5	Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly	London South Bank University (LSBU) is committed to strengthening research integrity through collaboration, openness, oversight and regular review of progress. All recommendations from the external audit of University Ethics processes had been implemented by January 2025. LSBU is a signatory to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance

		<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 LSBU Doctoral College Key Skills and Academic Development Programme, one of ten mandatory training sessions for all PGR students http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development</p> <p>An online Research Integrity, DORA and Open Research training programme has been available to all staff since 2021, providing increased opportunity for researchers at all stages to better understand researcher integrity. This is available to all staff via the LSBU My Development online learning site at https://mydevelopment.lsbu.ac.uk/learn under Academic Research and Development.</p>
--	--	---