

## Annual Statement of Research Integrity Compliance 2020-21

**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 <a href="http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance">http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance</a> and on the university's intranet pages <a href="https://our.lsbu.ac.uk/home/academic-life/research-policies-and-procedures">https://our.lsbu.ac.uk/home/academic-life/research-policies-and-procedures</a>
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 in 2020-21.
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.	Research and Enterprise handbook for staff outlining processes and procedures for conducting research and enterprise projects at LSBU <a href="https://blog.lsbu.ac.uk/corporate-strategy/other-information/rei-guide/">https://blog.lsbu.ac.uk/corporate-strategy/other-information/rei-guide/</a>  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 <a href="http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development">http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development</a>  The Research Office has a training programme to provide appropriate training and events for development of researchers - this training programme has been launched that includes training in Researcher Integrity, and is mandatory for all PGR students. <a href="http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development">http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development</a>
4	Using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise.	Corporate Procedure: <a href="#">Procedure for Investigation of Misconduct in Research</a> (PDF File 316 KB) (link from LSBU website, <a href="http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance">http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance</a> ).  The point of contact for Research Integrity matters is identified as Professor Peter Doyle, Research, Enterprise and Innovation <a href="http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance">http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance</a>  There have been no formal investigations of research misconduct either by research students or members of staff during the period.
5	Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly.	LSBU is a signatory to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment <a href="http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance">http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance</a>  The LSBU Open Access Policy: <a href="http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance/open-access">http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance/open-access</a>  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 <a href="http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development">http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development</a>  A new online training programme due to go online in 2021 will provide increased opportunity for researchers at all stages to better understand researcher integrity.  LSBU is a member of the London Integrity Forum that acts as an arena to share good practice in Research Integrity from across all London HEIs.