

Concordat to Support Research Integrity

Website framework

This web page provides easy reference to the main websites that show how the University has responded to the Commitments set out in the Concordat to support Research Integrity.

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Concordat to support Research Integrity: <http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2012/the-concordat-to-support-research-integrity.pdf>

Commitments	Website
#1 Maintaining the highest standards of research integrity Core elements of research integrity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honesty • Rigour • Transparency and open communication • Care and respect University is expected to have procedures in place to ensure that research is conducted in accordance with standards of best practice; systems to promote research integrity; and transparent, robust and fair processes to investigate alleged research misconduct	<p>Research Committee (Overall responsibility for research integrity and monitoring compliance with the Concordat) http://www.bath.ac.uk/statutory-bodies-committees/bodies-and-committees-senate/research/index.html</p> <p>Research Strategy (Our Objectives) http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/research-strategy/</p> <p>Definition of Research Integrity http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/definition-of-research-integrity/</p> <p>Code of Good Practice in Research Integrity http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/code-of-good-practice-in-research-integrity/</p> <p>Principles of research assessment and management http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/principles-of-research-assessment-and-management/</p> <p>Procedure for inquiring into allegations of misconduct in research and scholarship http://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/allegations-of-misconduct-in-research/</p> <p>Research Integrity and Ethics guidance, resources and contact information: http://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/research-integrity-and-ethics/</p>

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#2 Ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards

University is expected to:

- Have clear policies on ethical approval
- Make sure all researchers are aware of and understand policies and procedures relating to ethical approval
- Support researchers to reflect best practice in relation to ethical, legal and professional obligations and standards
- Have appropriate arrangements in place through which researchers can access advice and guidance on ethical, legal and professional obligations and standards

Ethics Framework <http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/our-ethical-framework/> including **Code of Ethics** <http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/code-of-ethics/>

Ethics Committee has responsibility for developing policies and guidance relating to ethical issues <http://www.bath.ac.uk/statutory-bodies-committees/bodies-and-committees-senate/ethics/> along with its subcommittees SSREC (Social Science Research Ethics Committee), PREC (Psychology Research Ethics Committee) and REACH (Research Ethics Approval Committee for Health), which are linked from this website

Research and Integrity (Carrying out ethically responsible research) <http://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/research-integrity-and-ethics/>

EIRA 1 form information for funded and unfunded research, consultancies and external partnerships (Process of completing an EIRA form) <http://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/carrying-out-ethically-responsible-research/> with links to role of the **Second Reader, DREOs (Department Research Ethics Officers), Legal Advisers and Advice on ethical practice for research involving animals**. Other further links available for HTA (Human Tissue Act) and other specific information.

External research ethics resources (including Research Council and professional body websites) <http://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/accessing-external-research-ethics-resources/>

Research and Innovation Services Policies and Guidance <http://www.bath.ac.uk/ris/policies/index.html>

Research Data Management <http://www.bath.ac.uk/research/data/>

Data Protection <http://www.bath.ac.uk/data-protection/index.html>

Conflict of Interest referenced in **Code of Good Practice in Research Integrity** (<http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/code-of-good-practice-in-research-integrity/>) and **Regulation G7** (<http://www.bath.ac.uk/finance-procurement/regulations-policies-procedures/other-regulations/index.html#id6>)

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<p>#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> <p>The University, as a minimum should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear policies, practices and procedures to support researchers • Suitable learning, training and mentoring opportunities to support the development of researchers • Robust management systems to ensure the policies relating to research, research integrity and researcher behaviour is implemented • Awareness amongst researchers of the standards and behaviour expected of them • Systems within the research environment that identify concerns at an early stage and mechanisms for providing support to researchers in need of assistance 	<p>Code of Good Practice in Research Integrity http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/code-of-good-practice-in-research-integrity/</p> <p>Research and Integrity (Carrying out ethically responsible research – Training courses and support) http://www.bath.ac.uk/topics/research-integrity-and-ethics/</p> <p>Ethics queries http://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/getting-help-with-research-integrity-and-ethics-queries/ and key contacts</p> <p>EIRA 1 form for which there are brief instructions http://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/using-the-online-ethics-form/ and a more detailed User Guide https://solutions.bath.ac.uk/sites/EthicsForms/Shared%20Documents/Ethics%20Form%20User%20Guide.pdf</p> <p>Release of funding is contingent upon completion of the online Ethics Form http://www.bath.ac.uk/services/ethical-implications-of-research-activity-eira-1/</p> <p>Policy Framework (relating to Governance documentation) http://www.bath.ac.uk/university-secretary/guidance-policies/policyframework.pdf</p> <p>DREOs attend an annual training event for which the notes are available from the Secretary to Ethics Committee (topics have included Research Misconduct and case studies) , Public Lectures include the recent talk by Dr Bella Williams on ‘Culture of Care: people, animals and communication’ and Department meetings and SPDR discussions are other mechanisms for shared learning.</p> <p><i>There is general information at:</i></p> <p>Research and Innovation Services (Research@Bath newsletter or Events) http://www.bath.ac.uk/ris/news/research/index.html or Academic Staff Development (Sharing Good Practice http://www.bath.ac.uk/learningandteaching/about/asd/</p>
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<p>#4 Using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise</p> <p>University expected to have suitable procedures in place to investigate allegations of research misconduct.</p>	<p>Procedure for inquiring into allegations of misconduct in research and scholarship http://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/allegations-of-misconduct-in-research/</p> <p>Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblowing) Procedure http://www.bath.ac.uk/university-secretary/guidance-policies/publicinterestdisclosure.html</p>
<p>#5 Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly</p> <p>University expected to produce and publish an annual statement on research integrity.</p>	<p>Annual Statement on Research Integrity http://www.bath.ac.uk/corporate-information/annual-statement-on-research-integrity/</p>