Research Integrity Policy Statement

This statement provides the University's response to the UK *Concordat for Research Integrity* (October 2019) previously issued by Research Councils UK (RCUK) (now UK Research and Innovation) and endorsed by the Minister for Universities and Science. The statement is intended to inform UK Research and Innovation, Research England, the academic community, other funders of our research, and the public more broadly, about how the University of Sussex addresses matters of Research Integrity and seeks to foster a culture of professional integrity.

The Concordat seeks to provide a comprehensive national framework for good research conduct and its governance. As signatories to, and supporters of, the *Concordat to support Research Integrity*, University of Sussex is committed to:

- maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research
- ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards
- 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
- using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations

The principles and governance arrangements are elaborated in the statement. This policy is overseen by the Research Ethics and Integrity Committee (REIC) on behalf of the University and is reviewed annually.

A message from Professor Adam Tickell

Throughout our history, academics and researchers at the University of Sussex have made transformational interventions in their fields and created new ones. Our research has enhanced understanding and improved lives. Great research depends upon the highest standards of integrity in its design, execution and governance. The University is fully committed to the UK Concordat for Research Integrity and our Research Integrity statement is an important codification of our values.

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Professor Adam Tickell, Vice-Chancellor
University of Sussex
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Summary of activities 2019-20

The following activities and initiatives supported the University's commitment to research integrity in 2019-20:

- The appointment of two full time Research Ethics, Integrity and Governance Administrators (REIGAs) to support research ethics and governance, taking the Research Ethics, Integrity and Governance team to five.
- Increased provision of training across the University, working with researchers, supervisors, School Research Ethics Officers and Cross-

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The University of Sussex is committed to promoting and upholding the highest quality academic and ethical standards in all its activities. The University's approach to Research Integrity has been to develop Research Governance policies and procedures that