

This statement provides the University's response to the UK Concordat¹ and is intended to inform UK Research and Innovation, Research England, the academic community, other funders of our research, and the public more broadly, 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, the University of Sussex is committed to the following principles:

- 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 of research misconduct should they arise.
- Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly.

A message from Professor Sasha Roseneil

The University of Sussex is committed to the highest standards of research integrity and to the following principles:

The School of Psychology has developed a Sensitive Research and Researcher Wellbeing and Safety guidance document.

In September 2022 the University established a Good Practice in Research Ethics Task and Finish Group to consider findings of a report into the interaction and alignment between Teaching and Learning and Research Ethics,

The Senior International Governance Officer also collaborated with Research and Enterprise professional services staff to raise awareness of international research governance and the

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The Social Sciences and Arts C-REC, Science and Technology C-REC, and the Research Governance Ethics Committee alongside the School Research Ethics Officers continued to review and approve thousands of new ethics applications submitted for ethical review during the 2022-2023 period.

The University continues to have membership or representation of the following external organisations and groups;

- UK Research Integrity Office
- Association of Research Managers and Administrators
- Association of University Research Sponsors (AURS)⁴.
- Animal Materials Working Group (AMWG)⁵.

Members of the REIG team continue to represent on the following internal committees and groups.

- Pre-Sponsorship Review Panel.
- Open Research Group.
- Safeguarding Panel.
- Safeguarding in Research working group.

⁴ Association of research-intensive institutions with medical schools who operate within the NHS research environment.

⁵ An initiative of the Sanger Institute which seeks to develop a working framework to address ethical issues in the use and sourcing of animal-derived materials for teaching and research.

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