

University of the West of England Bristol Policy on Good Research Conduct

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

The University is committed to promoting excellent research which conforms to the highest possible standards of integrity. In this context, the University embraces and will meet the requirements of the Concordat to Support Research Integrity (Universities UK, 2019). To support this policy, the University has set in place a Code of Good Research Conduct, compliance with which is mandatory. The Policy (and associated Code of Good Research Conduct) relates to all staff and students (and their Directors of Studies / student research Supervisors) conducting research at, or under the auspices of, UWE Bristol.

2. PRINCIPLES OF THIS POLICY

- i. The University strives for excellence in its research, including theoretical and empirical rigour, honesty, openness, and care and respect for all research participants. It is the University's expectation that all UWE Bristol research will be in accordance with the core elements of research integrity as set out in the Concordat.
- ii. The University will support good research practice and is committed to ensuring clear leadership in the fostering of integrity in its research environment. The provision of the Code of Good Research Conduct and other guidance materials and training are amongst the mechanisms the University will use to promote this.
- iii. The University expects researchers to maintain high standards of research and scholarship across all aspects of UWE Bristol research. This includes the supervision and support of all students who engage in research, to facilitate learning of good research practices.
- iv. The University will take instances of research misconduct extremely seriously. This position is supported by the University's Procedure for Investigating Research Misconduct.

3. ENACTMENT OF THE POLICY

This Policy will be implemented through the University's Governance Structure, with primary oversight resting with the Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee, and implemented via its specialist sub-committees, supported by the Research Governance and Ethics Team. Good research conduct is a College and School management responsibility, and in addition, it is the responsibility of every member of staff and student engaged in research to act in accordance with this Policy.

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Related legislative and/or regulatory requirements	Described in the Code of Good Research Conduct – all legislation and regulation which relates to research activity.

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