

# Research integrity and ethics

The University is fully committed to ensuring that its research is undertaken to the highest standards of integrity. It expects its researchers, staff and students, always to act with honesty and openness in all aspects of their research, to ensure that risk to participants, collaborators and themselves is minimal, and to have sensitivity to the cultures and environments in which they are operating.

The University's [Guidelines and Procedures for Good Research Practice](#) set out this expectation in more detail.

The University complies fully with the [Concordat to Support Research Integrity](#).

Our annual report on Research Integrity for 2015/16 is [here](#).

All research involving human participants, their tissue or data is subject to ethical review. Our ethical review procedures, as well as our principles for ethical research, are set out in our [Ethics Policy](#). Researchers are expected to be fully conversant with this policy and of any relevant professional body guidance on ethics and research practice. We provide our researchers with a variety of training opportunities relating to research integrity and ethics.

The University's Research Integrity Champion is Professor Derek Peters, Chair of the Ethics and Research Governance Committee. He is the first point of contact for anyone wanting more information on matters of research integrity at the University. He can be contacted as follows:

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The University takes very seriously any allegation of research misconduct made by its own staff or students or by anyone external to the University. It has in place clear procedures for dealing with any such allegation set out in its Guidelines and Procedures for Good Research Practice.

If you have a concern about any aspect of a research project you should ask to speak to the researcher(s) in the first instance who should do their best to address any questions. If any concerns are not addressed through this route or if you feel this route is not appropriate, you should approach the named contact:

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In his absence (or where there is a conflict of interest with the named contact), the alternate contact may be approached, contact details as follows:

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Any initial contact may be made informally and will always be treated in complete confidence. It may be that any issues can be addressed at this stage through informal discussion or by some form of arbitration rather than through a formal investigation. If, however, you wish to make a formal complaint about research conduct, you should submit the complaint in writing accompanied by any supporting evidence to the contact.

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