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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The University of Hull has a long-established reputation as a research-engaged institution and is internationally recognised for the quality of research in many areas. This document outlines the responsibilities of the University staff engaging in research and the principles they should adhere. It highlights the processes and information available to staff to ensure the University maintains an environment conducive to high quality and safe research.

2. Principles

- 2.1 The University endorses and encourages high standards of research excellence by promoting the following principles:
- Honesty and accuracy in planning, conducting and disseminating all research
 - Accountability for conducting research in accordance with the ethical and legal obligations of the research funders and professional frameworks
 - Transparency in all conflicts of interest
 - Fair and constructive peer review
 - Robust and fair processes to manage allegations of misconduct

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 The University:
- Has policies and procedures in place to respond to allegations of misconduct in a fair and transparent manner.
 - Has appropriate training programs available for research staff and students thereby supporting an environment of research integrity.
 - Is committed to upholding the principles of the Concordat to Support Research Integrity. As part of our obligations under the Concordat, we will prepare and make publicly available an annual report to Council summarising actions taken to assure and enhance the University's position on research integrity issues.

The report will include:

- A summary of actions and activities that have been undertaken to support and strengthen understanding and application of research integrity issues.
- Assurances that processes in place for dealing with allegations of misconduct are transparent, fair, robust and appropriate.
- A statement on any formal investigations of research misconduct.

- 3.2 Researchers must:

- Actively take responsibility of the integrity for their research by ensuring the honesty and accuracy of it.
- Be aware of and adhere to all University policies and codes.
- Actively share and disseminate findings openly within an appropriate timeframe permitted by the terms and conditions of any funding agreements.
- Conduct appropriate procedures and employ approved experimental methods.
- Disclose all conflicts of interest during the entire process of the research project from the conception of the idea to disseminating the results to professional environments and the general public.
- Keep clear and accurate records of all research so that it can be repeated and verified.
- Appropriately acknowledge all contributions to the work through all stages of the research and take responsibility for their own contribution to their and other research projects.
- Participate in fair and constructive peer review in a prompt and respectful manner.
- Understand the procedure for managing allegations of misconduct and report to the appropriate body any suspect research including but not limited to, fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, data exclusion, improper authorship, improper use of animals and human tissue/data in research, or complicity in such activities.

3.3 Supervisors and Line Managers must:

- Be aware of the University's Code of Good Research Practice and policies surrounding integrity.
- Be diligent in detecting and be aware of the procedure to handle allegations of research misconduct.
- Endorse and promote the University's principles and policies by example.
- Ensure students and staff participate in appropriate training programmes and are made aware of the University policies.

4. Further Information and useful links

- 4.1 The University's Code of Practice on Research Misconduct, Code of Good Research Practice and the Research Ethics Policy can be found [here](#).
- 4.2 The University's policies on Data Protection, Whistle Blowing and Anti-bribery can be accessed via the digital repository [here](#).
- 4.3 UK Research Integrity Office (UKRIO) <http://www.ukrio.org/>
The University is a full member of the UK Research Integrity Office, which provides expert advice and guidance about the conduct of research. UKRIO is the only dedicated research integrity body in the UK and covers all disciplines.
- 4.4 Singapore Statement on Research Integrity <http://www.singaporestatement.org/>
- 4.5 The Concordat to Support Research Integrity
<http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/highereducation/Documents/2012/TheConcordatToSupportResearchIntegrity.pdf>

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