

Research Integrity Annual Statement

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Goldsmiths is a signatory to the Concordat to Support Research Integrity (rev. 2019) and this annual statement reports on the progress being made in creating a culture of integrity in research within the university.

This public statement is intended to provide assurance that as a university we are responsible for:

- supporting and strengthening understanding and application of research ethics and integrity issues in research at all levels across the university
- having processes to manage and investigate allegations of misconduct that are transparent, robust and fair, and fit for purpose
- reporting on any formal investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken during this year, and on lessons learned from these investigations

This statement covers the period October 2022 to September 2023.

Supporting and strengthening understanding and application of research integrity issues

We are committed to providing an appropriate framework to support a research culture that is underpinned by research integrity. This involves providing clear guidance about policies, procedures and responsibilities as well as training and support for researchers at all levels.

In 2022-23, we invested in a baseline online training produced by Epigeum on research integrity that is used by multiple higher education institutions across the sector. This training is being made available to all staff and students, together with a supplementary training course on research ethics. We refreshed our intranet to include better sign-posting and additional guidance on research ethics and integrity, and continued to support our researchers by strengthening understanding around topics such as privacy and data protection issues in the context of practice research, as well as research ethics and AI.

In addition to providing access to Epigeum training, we facilitated access for our research community to awareness-raising and capacity-building sessions offered by the UK Office for Research Integrity (UKRIO) and promoted available opportunities widely via the university's Researcher Development Hub.

This was supplemented by internal training (in group and one-to-one) on the research ethics review and approval process for academic staff, with a particular focus on how to apply through our online grants management system, Worktribe.

Processes in place for dealing with allegations of misconduct

Goldsmiths' [policy and procedure for investigating and resolving allegations of misconduct in academic research](#) closely follow the UK Research Integrity Office's model and were developed with advice from UKRIO. The Chair of Goldsmiths' Research Ethics and Integrity Sub-Committee (REISC), currently Dr Panagiotis Pentaris, acts as the first point of contact for anyone wanting more information on matters of research integrity and as a confidential liaison for whistle-blowers or anyone else wishing to raise concerns about research integrity.

At all levels, there has been an emphasis on enabling staff and students to feel comfortable about reporting instances of misconduct. This is reflected in Goldsmiths' investigation procedure which includes the facility for an allegation to be made by an intermediary where the individual has reservations about making an allegation directly. The facility is clearly communicated to our academic community through existing policy, internal sites and trainings events.

Formal investigations of research misconduct

In 2022-23 there were no allegations of research misconduct requiring formal investigation.

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