

FOREWORD

By the Vice Principal for Research

The University of Aberdeen is committed to ensuring that research integrity and governance is firmly embedded in the University's ethos and culture. We comply with the five commitments set out in the Universities UK Concordat to Support Research Integrity. These are:

- Maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research
- Ensuring that research is conducted according to the appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligation 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

This Handbook sets out our institutional processes to achieve these commitments and should be used as a guide and reference by all researchers.

The University is committed to the ongoing development and maintenance of a culture that supports and nurtures research integrity, and to ensuring that mechanisms are in place for appropriate investigation and action when things go wrong and the appropriate standards of integrity are not met.

As we work towards achieving our ambitious strategic objectives for research and research performance, the processes and guidance in this handbook will ensure that we maintain the highest standards of integrity and rigour and enable researchers to achieve their potential.

If you have any further questions, or wish to discuss, please contact me.

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