

Annual Statement of Research Integrity Compliance 2023-24

Concordat Support Research Integrity: All those engaged with research have a duty to consider how the work they undertake, host or support impacts on the research community and on wider society.

LSBU is committed to the principles set out in the concordat helps demonstrate to government, business, international partners and the public that they can continue to have confidence in the research produced by the UK research community. It provides assurances of the standards expected of all stakeholders, identifying five commitments that all those engaged with research should be able to make.

#	Principle	LSBU Evidence
1	Maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research	Policy on Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice is available on our Corporate Website http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance .
2	Ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards	The activities of the School Ethics Panels scrutinise aspects of the conduct of research at LSBU, with more complex issues referred to the University Ethics Committee for review. No significant matters associated with research misconduct have been identified in 2023-24.
3	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	Guidance on processes and bidding for grants our LSBU Connect pages, for example Research and Innovation https://connect.lsbu.ac.uk/Interact/Pages/Section/Default.aspx?Section=3915 Research grants https://connect.lsbu.ac.uk/page/2432 Knowledge transfer partnerships https://connect.lsbu.ac.uk/page/2480 Consultancy/ contract research https://connect.lsbu.ac.uk/page/2481 There have been several internal funding calls launched in 2023/24 to support researchers' development. The Research Office has a training programme to provide appropriate training and events for the development of researchers - this training programme has been launched that includes training in Researcher Integrity, and is mandatory for all PGR students. https://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development
4	Using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise	The LSBU website contains one page with access to all relevant documents and policies including the Procedure for Investigation of Misconduct in Research . The point of contact for Research Integrity matters is Dr Rita de Oliveira at ethics@lsbu.ac.uk as noted in the same LSBU webpage. There have been no formal investigations of research misconduct either by research students or members of staff during the period 2023-24.
5	Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly	An external audit of University Ethics was completed in 2024 with positive findings and some recommendations. LSBU is a signatory to the San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance The LSBU Open Access Policy: http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/governance/open-access Research Integrity workshop has been made a compulsory component of the Key Skills Development Programme, one of ten mandatory training sessions for all PGR students http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/research/researcher-career-development . An online Research Integrity, DORA and Open Research training programme has been available to all staff since 2021, providing increased opportunity for researchers at all stages to better understand researcher integrity. This is available to all staff via the LSBU My Development online learning site at https://mydevelopment.lsbu.ac.uk/learn under Academic Research and Development.