

Annual Statement on Research Integrity

Excellence in research underpins all of Royal Holloway's activities and aspirations. We aspire to produce world-leading research that substantially advances the knowledge base, and that fosters transformational impacts for individuals, society, and the environment. We also aspire to give our students an education that is informed by the highest standards of research and scholarship.

Royal Holloway is committed to upholding the principals of the [Concordat to Support Research Integrity](#) (Universities UK, July 2012):

- maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research
- ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations 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
- working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly

Activities undertaken to support and raise awareness of research integrity in 2017-18 include the following:

- We initiated a review of our Code of Good Research Practice in Research Integrity to ensure alignment with current good practice
- We initiated an update of our [Research Ethics Guidelines](#) and commissioned an external review of all our ethical processes and practices. The report from the review will be available in 2018/19.
- We recruited a broader membership onto the Ethics Committee including a member of Council, specifically to incorporate a lay perspective into decision making.
- We reviewed and updated our [Data Protection policy and processes](#) to ensure compliance with the new regulations
- We investigated no allegations of potential research misconduct in 2017/18

The senior member of staff responsible for overseeing research integrity is the Deputy Principal (Academic), Professor Kate Normington k.normington@rhul.ac.uk

Policies, regulations and guidance relating to Research Integrity include:

- [Statement on Research Performance Expectations](#)
- [Code of Good Research Practice](#)
- [Data Protection Policy](#)
- [Research Ethics Guidelines](#)
- [Anti-Bribery Policy](#)
- [Code of Practice for Inquiry into Allegations of Misconduct in Relation to Academic Research and Scientific Activity](#)
- [Tobacco industry funding](#)
- [Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure](#)
- [Anti-Money Laundering Policy](#)
- [Criminal Finances Act Policy](#)
- [Conflict of Interest Policy](#)
- [Counter-Fraud Policy and Procedures](#)