

Statement on Research Integrity, 2015/16

The Concordat to Support Research Integrity states the following:

Employers of researchers already take steps to ensure that their environment promotes and nurtures a commitment to research integrity, and that suitable processes are in place to deal with misconduct. It is important that these efforts continue to be suitable and that they are communicated more effectively, and that the same high standards apply to all. The concordat therefore recommends that employers of researchers should present a short annual statement to their own governing body that:

- *provides a summary of actions and activities that have been undertaken to support and strengthen understanding and application of research integrity issues (for example postgraduate and researcher training, or process reviews)*
- *provides assurances that the processes they have in place for dealing with allegations of misconduct are transparent, robust and fair, and that they continue to be appropriate to the needs of the organisation*
- *provides a high-level statement on any formal investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken*
- *To improve accountability, and provide assurances that measures being taken continue to support consistently high standards of research integrity, this statement should be made publicly available.*

The following is an excerpt of the report to the UAL Audit Committee:

3. Research staff

- 3.1 No allegations of research misconduct were made against UAL staff in 2015/16.
- 3.2 Staff development sessions on Research Governance and Integrity were delivered as part of the 'Research as Academic Practice' unit of UAL's MA Academic Practice in Art, Design and Communication course for academic staff. The programme of research training for UAL Early Career Researchers (ECRs) has been reviewed for 2016-17; this will include material on Research Governance and Integrity. Research Ethics Sub-Committee has planned a series of research and professional ethics awareness workshops for Programme Directors and Course leaders.

4 Research Degree students

- 4.1 256 students were enrolled on the research degrees programme in 2015-16. Less than 2% of students were withdrawn for lack of progress or other reason.
- 4.2 Research degree students continued to be trained in research integrity issues as part of the RNUAL programme and in completing applications for research ethics approval.