

University of Roehampton
SENATE
Research Committee

Annual Statement on Research Integrity 2017/18

The University of Roehampton is a signatory to the Concordat to Support Research Integrity, the national framework for good research conduct and its governance. In accordance with the recommendation of the Concordat, this statement outlines how research integrity is supported and strengthened at the University of Roehampton. It also provides a statement on any cases of research misconduct or formal investigations that have been undertaken in 2017/8.

Environment for research integrity

The Deputy Provost for Research and External Engagement has responsibility for ensuring that the University of Roehampton meets its obligations and observes best practice in research integrity.

Anyone who has any concerns or wishes to raise any issues in relation to research and its integrity at the University is able to communicate with the University Registrar as an independent point of contact. They can be confident that their anonymity will be protected.

Policy framework

The following policies and procedures support a rigorous approach to ensuring research integrity at the University of Roehampton:

- Code of Good Research Practice
- Ethics Guidelines
- Data Protection Policy
- Health & Safety Policy
- Intellectual Property Policy
- Public Interest Disclosure Policy
- Disciplinary Procedures (Staff)
- Student Disciplinary Regulations

Ongoing activities to support research integrity

- Research Committee provides leadership for all research related matters at the University of Roehampton, and includes representatives from all academic departments and the postgraduate research community;
- Research students are supported by the Research Students Degree Programme, an ongoing training programme covering all aspects of research activity and personal development;
- All staff are encouraged to attend Research Integrity training delivered through the Researcher Development Programme;
- Research Supervisors are supported by training, provided by SEDA (Staff and Educational Development Association);
- The Ethics Committee provides continued oversight and review of ethical considerations of proposed research activity, and provides assurance, reporting to Senate;

- The University's Legal Secretary and Contracts Officer provides support for researchers who are conducting research and ensure that it adheres to the highest standards of research integrity.

2017/8 activities to support research integrity

- Changes to the role of Ethics Representatives, in each academic department, have been implemented in 2017 in order to ensure best practice across all disciplines at the institution;
- Training sessions have been delivered and publicised to all academic staff to provide an introduction

Research Misconduct

- In 2017/8 there have been no cases of research misconduct reported against staff or postgraduate research students.

Conclusion

The University continues to promote and prize research the highest standards of research integrity. We will continue to develop our policies and practice to ensure that our research staff are supported in adopting a rigorous approach to research and its integrity.

Identified actions for 2018/9

- Complete the review of the current Code of Good Research Practice, and related research policies and processes, as identified in the 2016/7 Annual Statement on Research Integrity;
- Develop Research Integrity Guidelines