



## ANNUAL STATEMENT ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY 2017/18

During 2017-18, we have continued to keep research integrity and our engagement with the expectations of the *Concordat to Support Research Integrity* under review, to ensure that we remain compliant with the *Concordat's* requirements.

Due to a realignment of the timing of the statement, this statement covers the 2017/18 academic year and 2 months of the previous year. A summary of activities during this period is below:

- Our Research Integrity Working Group (RIWG) continued to meet at least twice annually. The RIWG reports to our Research and Innovation Committee, which is accountable to Senate
- We have produced new *Guidance for the Investigation of Allegations of Misconduct in Research*. This builds on the procedure we already had in place and has involved substantial consultation with the Research Ethics Committee, Research Integrity Working Group, the Students' Union, the academic staff union and HR Services
- We have also updated our *Academic Regulations* and *Research Degrees Regulations* in order to reflect the new *Guidance*
- The Research Integrity (Concise) course in Epigeum is now compulsory for all academic staff.

During 2017/18, there were two instances of research misconduct that resulted in formal investigation and both involved taught students. In the first instance, the student undertook research without ethical approval alongside other academic offences and following formal investigation, the student was discontinued. The student in the second case also undertook research without ethical approval and the case was referred for formal investigation. An assessment penalty was applied.