



ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY'S ANNUAL STATEMENT ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY 2020/21

During 2020/21, 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 its requirements. We have undertaken the following activities in support of continued compliance:

- The UK Research Integrity Office ran training for our staff in investigating research misconduct incidents in February 2021. We followed this up with an internal session in May 2021 to improve the ability of staff to undertake investigations and to ensure consistency across ARU.
- Our Research Integrity Working Group (RIWG) membership has been expanded to include two postgraduate research students, an early career researcher and a mid-career researcher. The RIWG reports to our Research and Innovation Committee, which is accountable to Senate.
- RIWG has decided to meet 4 times annually, as part of our commitment towards research integrity. We are also inviting staff to the meeting who have advisory roles in research integrity, to discuss the work they do, as a way of highlighting and sharing good practice.
- We ran 4 research integrity training sessions for staff this year, which were attended by 25 people. We are actively exploring how we can encourage wider engagement for these sessions across our research community.
- Online research integrity training remains mandatory for all academic staff carrying out research, with completion rates being monitored by the RIWG. In addition, we have a session on research ethics and integrity as part of the research induction for academic staff.
- We regularly update our *Gap Analysis and Action Plan*, which was produced in response to *Concordat*. RIWG will regularly review the *Gap Analysis and Action Plan* as the annual monitoring exercise required by the new *Concordat*.
- We are in the process of finalising an *Inclusivity Policy* for research, which we will disseminate widely, and refer to in our Research Ethics Policy and other policies as applicable.

- We will shortly be launching a new online ethics system, which will help to enhance our governance processes even further.

We have robust procedures for carrying out research misconduct investigations which are proportionate, transparent and fair, as described in our *Guidance for the Investigation of Allegations of Misconduct in Research*. In view of this, we have found that researchers feel increasingly confident in reporting research misconduct incidents. Investigations and their outcomes are discussed in anonymised format at our RIWG and Research Ethics Committee.

During 2020/21, there were no research misconduct incidents involving our staff or Postgraduate Research students which resulted in formal investigation.