

Annual Statement on Research Integrity

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Supporting High Quality Research

The University of Lincoln is committed to encouraging research of the highest quality by supporting good research conduct and helping to prevent misconduct.

It aims to uphold the following commitments outlined in the [UUK Concordat to support Research Integrity](#) (the concordat), which provide a comprehensive national framework for good research conduct and its governance:

- maintain the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research

- ensure that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal, and professional frameworks, obligations, and standards

- support 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

- use transparent, robust, and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise

- work together to strengthen the integrity of research and to review progress regularly and openly.

In compliance with the Concordat, the University is publishing a Statement on Research Integrity on an annual basis. The following Statement covers the period from Sep 2018 to August 2019. It outlines the actions and activities undertaken, and the framework in place in support of fostering a culture of research integrity. It also provides a high-level summary of investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken by the University.

Code of Practice for Research

Records of Investigations of Research Misconduct shall be kept for 6 years in line with University of Lincoln JISC retention schedule.

Summary of Investigations of Research Misconduct

When investigating allegations of research misconduct, the University follows its Procedure for the Investigation of Misconduct of Research.

The table below sets out the overview of investigations and findings in relation to research misconduct covering both staff and postgraduate research (PGR) students.

	Number of formal investigations completed	Number of allegations upheld (in whole or in part)
Academic Year		