

2017-18 Annual Report - UUK Concordat to Support Research Integrity

**The University of Bolton supports the Universities UK Concordat to Support Research Integrity**

The UUK concordat seeks to provide a comprehensive national framework for good research conduct and its governance. As signatories to and supporters of the concordat to support research integrity, we are committed to:

* maintaining the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research
* ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards
* supporting 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
* using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise
* working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly

The full supporting document can be found here:

<http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Documents/2012/the-concordat-to-support-research-integrity.pdf>

**Formal Investigations of Research Misconduct in the Context of the Concordat.**

In 2017-18 (August 17 to July 18) there were no reports or investigations of research misconduct at the University of Bolton.

**Point of contact for further information on matters of research integrity, the UUK Concordat and related matters:**

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**Any person wishing to raise concerns about the integrity of research being conducted at the University of Bolton should consult the University’s Public Interest Disclosure Document:**

[**https://www.bolton.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Public-Interest-Disclosure-Policy.pdf**](https://www.bolton.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Public-Interest-Disclosure-Policy.pdf)