

## **Research Integrity Annual Statement 2024–25**

Goldsmiths is a signatory to the refreshed (2025) *Concordat to Support Research Integrity*. This annual statement reports on the university's ongoing work to maintain high standards of research integrity, promote a positive and open research culture, and continuously strengthen responsible and transparent research practices.

This public statement provides assurance that the university remains committed to:

- Supporting and strengthening understanding and application of research ethics and integrity across all levels of research activity;
- Developing, implementing and maintaining transparent, robust, fair and fit-for-purpose processes for managing all types of breaches of research integrity;
- Reporting on formal investigations of research misconduct undertaken during the year, reflecting on lessons learned from any concerns or allegations, and identifying actions for continuous improvement.

This statement covers the period October 2024 to September 2025.

### **Supporting and strengthening understanding and application of research integrity**

In 2024-25, building on progress from previous years, we continued to strengthen a culture of research that is thoughtful, responsible and open. In line with the refreshed 2025 Concordat, our focus extended beyond the prevention of misconduct to promoting excellence and transparency in all aspects of research practice.

We enhanced our support for Goldsmiths researchers by expanding our research integrity training and development opportunities and integrating this learning with relevant policies and guidance. We broadened our existing research integrity training portfolio to include the newly launched UKRIO training course, with initial feedback from our researchers highlighting that the video-based format enhances engagement and accessibility.

To help our researchers navigate the growing range of internal and external resources, we developed a comprehensive research ethics and integrity training guide. This guide helps colleagues identify the most relevant training opportunities and align their learning with institutional policies and procedures. The guide brings together information on research integrity, ethical approval processes and professional development opportunities, including curated recommendations from UKRIO's webinar series and links to the full UKRIO training library.

This year we also introduced a new workshop on responsible research practices within our existing research funding bid development series. This session encourages researchers to embed responsible research principles at the earliest stages of project design, with particular attention to data management, reproducibility and transparency, ethical practice and equitable collaboration.

Together, these initiatives reinforce our commitment to a supportive and reflective research environment, where responsible research practices are integral to how we design, conduct and share our work. As we look ahead, we will continue to refine our approach in response to emerging challenges and sector-wide developments, ensuring that Goldsmiths researchers remain active contributors to the ongoing dialogue on research integrity across the sector.

## **Processes in place for dealing with allegations of misconduct**

Goldsmiths' [policy and procedure for investigating and resolving allegations of misconduct in academic research](#) closely follows the UK Research Integrity Office's model and were developed with advice from UKRIO. These procedures emphasise timeliness, proportionality, transparency and fairness, ensuring confidence in outcomes and protection for all parties involved.

The Chair of Goldsmiths' Research Ethics Sub- Committee (RESC), currently Dr Panagiotis Pentaris, acts as the first point of contact for anyone wanting more information on matters of research integrity and as a confidential liaison for whistle-blowers or anyone else wishing to raise concerns about research integrity.

At all levels, there is an emphasis on enabling staff and students to feel comfortable about reporting instances of misconduct. This is reflected in Goldsmiths' investigation procedure which includes the facility for an allegation to be made by an intermediary where the individual has reservations about making an allegation directly. The facility is clearly communicated to our academic community through existing policy, internal sites and trainings events.

## **Formal investigations of research misconduct**

In 2024-25, no concerns or allegations of research misconduct required formal investigation.

Looking ahead, we will continue to monitor progress against the commitments of the refreshed Concordat, publishing annual statements to maintain transparency and accountability in our approach to addressing all types of breaches of research integrity.

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