

Bangor University  
Annual Statement on Research Integrity  
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Background

1. Research Integrity is a guiding principle for all research and impact activity at Bangor University. As set out in the University Strategy 2030 Document: 'We act with honesty and transparency and will seek to collaborate in all we do. We will facilitate intellectual growth through academic freedom, creative expression and communication of truth, knowledge, social and moral development. The University is fully committed to upholding the principles and practices of the Universities UK Concordat to Support

2. Maintaining the role of Associate Provost/Chancellor, as the academic lead, to restructure

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- iv) Categorising and streaming research involving human participants.
- v) Use of external research ethics committee (e.g., for MoD or NHS research projects)
- vi) Due diligence.

11. Bangor University has invested in the Epigeur training package Research Integrity Second Edition UK and Ethical Research UK for a period of 3 years. The online software has been rolled out on Blackboard for PhD students at Bangor University. Efforts are underway to disseminate tailor-made training packages for research staff in the different schools.

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7. The University Research Integrity Policy sets out guidelines on the issues involved in the proper conduct of research, and on the standards expected. The Policy includes a statement that the University requires all academic staff to maintain high standards of academic conduct and in the context of research to be aware of the extreme seriousness of academic fraud, and to be alert to the need to avoid such conduct, whether by fabrication of research results, plagiarism or otherwise.
8. The Policy requires honesty, openness, accountability and integrity 595.56 84 to 595.567 fabrication



misconduct should they arise

- working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly

However, the low incidence of reports of research misconduct in Annexe 1 has highlighted a need to review the arrangements for research integrity training, awareness and training.

2. The procedures are continuously monitored by the Senior Research Governance and Policy Officer. Review and, where necessary improvement, of research misconduct processes will continue to form part of the University's Research Governance and integrity arrangements.

4. (v) Embedding a research environment that encourages openness and willingness to report instances of misconduct and preparation of this statement

1. The University Academic Integrity Procedure and Research Integrity Policy promote an awareness of the need to maintain high standards of academic and research conduct in terms of positive characteristics of honesty, openness, accountability and integrity qualities for any academic researcher no matter what their discipline or level of experience. A process is under way to look at the research culture and ensure all the relevant policies and procedures are relevant and coherent.
2. This statement was updated by the Senior Research Governance and Policy Officer with input from the Associate Pro Vice Chancellor for Research Governance, the Pro Vice Chancellor (Research), the University Secretary and the Head of Research and Impact Support
3. The statement was presented and approved

