

Queen Mary Policy on Research Integrity

Queen Mary is committed to producing and promoting high quality research which is conducted according to the highest standards of integrity. To support these aims, in all fields of research, Queen Mary has adopted the commitments of the UUK “*Concordat to support research integrity*”¹ which are:

- 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.

These commitments form an integral part of Queen Mary’s approach to the ethical conduct of research, its mission and values. The Queen Mary Strategy and the statement of our values are published at <http://www.qmul.ac.uk/strategy/the%20strategy/index.html>

All Queen Mary research policies require that ethical risks should be minimised; risks should be appropriately and adequately managed where they cannot be eliminated.

Research must be demonstrably independent.

Conflicts of interest should be avoided; if a conflict cannot be avoided, it should be clearly declared to all those involved in the study, its publication, and any work resulting from it.

The Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee has been authorised by Senate to advise on all research policies, to oversee their ethical content, and to provide advice on ethical and related issues arising from their implementation. This includes training of researchers, data management, research misconduct, discrimination, confidentiality, and acceptance of funding.

The Senate has granted authority to the Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee to establish criteria, processes, and procedures to enact this policy and to grant approval to research according to its terms.

Authorisation

This policy was approved by the Queen Mary Senate on 5th March 2020.

Further information

Please see <http://www.jrmo.org.uk/performing-research/conducting-research-with-human-participants-outside-the-nhs/>

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