**Research integrity annual statement (2016-17)**

**1. Background**

The QMUL [Research Integrity Policy](http://www.arcs.qmul.ac.uk/media/arcs/policyzone/QMUL-Research-Integrity-policy-Dec14-final.pdf) (approved in 2014) provides a high level statement regarding research integrity and outlines the structures for oversight of the policy. A further document outlines the policy and processes for [Investigating Allegations of Misconduct in Research](https://www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/media/97948/Research-Management-Policies-QMBH-230812.pdf)

As part of QMUL’s commitment to upholding the highest standards of research integrity we have adopted the five commitments of the [2012 UUK Concordat to Support Research Integrity](http://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/policy-and-analysis/reports/Pages/research-concordat.aspx). The Concordat recommends that institutions publish an annual report that

* summarises actions and activities that have been undertaken to support and strengthen understanding and application of research integrity issues;
* provides assurance that the processes for dealing with allegations of misconduct are transparent, robust and fair;
* provides a high-level statement on any formal investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken.

This report will be published in the Research Integrity section of the Queen Mary website.

**2. Summary of research misconduct investigations (2016-17)**

Three cases of potential research misconduct were reported to the end of August 2017 and investigated according to our policies and procedures. In two of these cases no misconduct was found. In the third case no violation of research integrity was found but a corrigendum was issued for two research publications.

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