

FOREWORD

At Swansea University, we are very proud of our reputation for excellent research, and for the calibre, dedication, and professionalism of our research community. We understand that integrity must be an essential characteristic of all aspects of our research, and that as a University entrusted with undertaking research we must clearly and consistently demonstrate that the confidence placed in our research community is rightly deserved. The University therefore expects everyone engaged in research to adhere to the very highest standards of research integrity and to conduct themselves and their research activities accordingly. This Framework clearly lays out those expectations, and systematically sets out how the University will seek to ensure that they are met in all of our research activity. The Framework is fully aligned with the Universities UK's *Concordat to Support Research Integrity*, whose five key commitments we share and wholly endorse:

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

We all share the responsibility for understanding, upholding, and promoting research integrity and research excellence, and for ensuring that we continue to merit being entrusted with so many vitally important research projects across the full spectrum of our research portfolio, subject areas, and research community. This Framework demonstrates our determination to embed research integrity at the heart of all that we do.

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