



Queen Mary Policy on Research Integrity

Queen Mary University of London is committed to the highest standards of integrity and probity in the conduct of research and our procedures are aligned to those established by the United Kingdom Research Integrity Office (UKRIO). To this end, the University subscribes to the commitments of the Universities UK (UUK) *Concordat to Support Research Integrity*, which are as follows:

- 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>

The Queen Mary Research Integrity Committee has been granted authority by Senate to discuss and propose policies for embedding a culture of good research practice, characterised by honesty, rigour, transparency, care and respect, and accountability. This encompasses issues such as training and data-management among others. The Committee is also charged with the oversight of investigations into allegations of research misconduct.

In tandem, the Senate has authorised the Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee (QMERC) to review the ethics of research studies involving human participants recruited outside the NHS. This is to ensure that ethical risks are minimised in accordance with University policy. The Committee is also responsible for ensuring that researchers and other colleagues are advised appropriately about research ethics and for developing relevant policy.

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

This policy was approved by the Senate in June 2024.