

RESEARCH MISCONDUCT POLICY

Introduction

1. This policy outlines the processes which will be followed when complaints of misconduct in academic research are brought against any student or member of staff whose research is liable to bring the University of Suffolk into disrepute. The University is committed to promoting and supporting a culture of research integrity that discourages unacceptable behaviour by dealing seriously and sensitively with all allegations of research misconduct. This policy provides a procedural framework for investigating allegations of research misconduct concerning research conducted under the auspices of the University of Suffolk. To help support and promote a culture of research integrity, this policy aims to encourage those who have concerns/allegations to raise/make them and reassure such individuals that their concerns/allegations will be taken seriously and handled sensitively. To seek advice on the interpretation and/or implementation of this Policy, contact researchoffice@uos.ac.uk.

Policy Statement

2. The University of Suffolk is responsible for ensuring that the research it supports is carried out legally, in the public interest and in accordance with best practice.

3. The University of Suffolk is committed to the Concordat to support Research Integrity and the five commitments that provide assurances that research in the UK continues to be underpinned by the highest standards of rigour and integrity.

4. This document sets out the principles and procedures for making, managing, and investigating allegations of research misconduct.

5. All employees and students of the institution and individuals permitted to work within it have the responsibility to report any cases of suspected research misconduct. All those individuals within the scope of this policy undertaking research at the University are obliged to comply with this procedure.

6. The University of Suffolk expects all external partners to conform to its code of conduct for research when undertaking research in collaboration with University of Suffolk staff (including honorary staff) and students. If the PVC Research is made aware, either through an allegation made under this code of conduct for research or an investigation undertaken in line with this code,

25. If the Responsible Person decides to proceed to a formal investigation under this procedure, they should take the following steps, in consultation with the Pro Vice-Chancellor Research, Director of People and Organisational Development (staff) or the Academic Registrar (students) as appropriate unless it involves them:

- a. Consider whether to recommend to the Director of People and Organisational Development or the Pro Vice-Chancellor Research that the respondent(s) be suspended during part or

who have a legitimate interest in the matter. This could include the funding body, a relevant professional body, or the editor of journals in which articles have been published relating to the research in question.

37. Where an allegation has been upheld, the Responsible Person should check the conditions of the relevant funding body in relation to the specific funding for the

