



2. Principles

2.1) Introduction

The research environment at De Montfort University is based on the key qualities of honesty, openness, care, integrity and accountability. The University is committed to developing and nurturing a culture of research integrity. This is achieved through actively s

The standards of research conduct should be judged by the standards

Accountability

Researchers must ensure that the research that they are undertaking is consistent with the terms and conditions covered by agreements between the University and external funders, and with the University's *Financial Regulations* (in particular point 21 relati

primarily responsible for maintaining good research practice throughout a project.

4.3) New Researchers

4.3.1 *The Needs of New Researchers*

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5.2) Collaborations

In the instance of a research project that is based on collaboration with other countries and organisations, researchers based in the UK should comply with the legal and ethical requirements existing in the UK and in the countries where the research is conducted. Similarly, o

guidance.²³

Where applicable, the University should ensure that sponsors and funders of research: respect the duty of researchers to publish their research and the findings of their research; do not discourage or suppress appropriate publication or dissemination; and do not attempt to influence the presentation

Misrepresentation of data, for example suppression of relevant findings and/or data, or knowingly, recklessly or by gross negligence, presenting a flawed interpretation of data

Undisclosed duplication of publication, including undisclosed duplicate submission of manuscripts for publication

Misrepresentation of interests, including failure to declare material interests either of the researcher or of the funders of the research

Misrepresentation of qualifications and/or experience, including claiming or implying qualifications or experience which are not held

Misrepresentation of involvement, such as inappropriate claims to authorship and/or attribution of work where there has been no significant contribution, or the denial of authorship where an author has made a significant contribution

Breach of duty of care, whether deliberately, recklessly or by gross negligence:

Disclosing improperly the identity of individuals or groups involved in research without their consent, or other breach of confidentiality;

Placing any of those involved in research in danger, whether as subjects, participants or associated individuals, without their prior consent, and without appropriate safeguards even with consent; this includes reputational danger where that can be anticipated

Not taking all reasonable care to ensure that the risks and dangers, the broad objectives and the sponsors of the research are known to participants or their legal representatives, to ensure appropriate informed consent is obtained properly, explicitly and transparently

Not observing legal and reasonable ethical requirements or obligations of care for animal subjects, human organs or tissue used in research, or for the protection of the environment

Improper conduct in peer review of research proposals or results (including manuscript submitted for publication); this includes failure to disclose conflicts of interest; inadequate disclosure of clearly limited competence; misappropriation of the content of material; and breach of confidentiality or abuse of material

the *Concordat to Support Research Integrity*, and it sets out a process to enable all allegations of research misconduct to be investigated thoroughly, fairly and efficiently, and with due care and sensitivity.

Any member of the University who

