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## 1. Background

- 1. In October 2019, Universities UK published a revised concordat to support research integrity, which responds to recommendations set out in the Science and Technology Committee's report on research integrity, published in July 2018. Compliance with the Concordat is a condition of government funding.
- 2. <sup>th</sup> commitment requires in particular that the University should present a short annual statement to its governing body that provides:
  - a summary of actions and activities that have been undertaken to support and strengthen understanding and the application of research integrity issues (for example postgraduate and researcher training, or process reviews);
  - b) a statement to provide assurance that the processes the institution has in place for dealing with allegations of misconduct are transparent, timely, robust and fair, and that they continue to be appropriate to the needs of the organisation;
  - c) a high-level statement on any formal investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken, which will include data on the number of investigations. If no formal investigation has been undertaken, this should also be noted;
  - d) a statement on what the institution has learned from any formal investigations of research misconduct that have been undertaken, including what lessons have been learned to prevent the same type of incident re-occurring;
  - e) a statement on how the institution creates and embeds a research environment in which all staff, researchers and students feel comfortable to report instances of misconduct.
- To improve accountability, and provide assurances that measures being taken continue to support consistently high standards of research integrity, this statement will be made publicly available here <u>https://sas.ac.uk/research/research-office/research-integrity-</u> <u>policy</u>. This link to the statement will be sent to the secretariat of the signatories to the concordat.
- 4. The 2021 Statement aims to recognise all departments within the University, which undertake research.

## 2. Governance

- The University currently has three departments, which undertake research and studies, called Central Academic Bodies (as noted in <u>Ordinance 11</u>):
  - The School of Advanced Study The University of London Institute in Paris The University of London Worldwide
- 2. Review of research policies is undertaken via the University governance structure as follows:

The School of Advanced Study Research Committee, which acts on behalf of the University of London, reviews and develops research policies on behalf of the University; all academic bodies (see section 2.1 above) are represented.

The School of Advanced Study Research Ethics Committee, which also acts on behalf of the University of London, reviews and develops policies on behalf of the University and reports to the School Research Committee; all academic bodies are represented.

The School of Advanced Study Academic Quality and Standards Committee assures the quality of the teaching and supervision as well as the quality of the University of London degree for the School programmes;

Academic Committee is responsible for ensuring that mechanisms are appropriately applied to assure the quality and standard of the University of London award for the University's online and distance learning programmes and reviews reports on allegations of assessment offences;

Programmes taught at the University of London Institute in Paris are subject to Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) regulation and oversight. ULIP Internal committees such as the Student-Staff Liaison Committee,