



Annual Statement on Research Integrity

In 2014, Cranfield University adopted the Universities UK's policy: "[The Concordat to Support Research Integrity](#)" and upholds its principles, which are:

- Honesty in all aspects of research
- Rigour, in line with prevailing disciplinary norms and standards
- Transparency and open communication in declaring conflicts of interest
- Care and respect for all participants in, and subject of research

The University annually reviews its policies and procedures regarding ethics and integrity including:

- Research Integrity Policy Statement
- Research Ethics Policy
- Implementing and Monitoring Research Integrity Policy

The Research Committee reviews these policies and reports the outcomes into Senate.

The following activities were undertaken in the last 12 months to support our staff and students and raise awareness of research integrity:

1. The Terms of Reference for the Cranfield University Research Ethics Committee (CUREC) were reviewed and the membership refreshed.
2. CUREC held two meetings in 2017, attended by both staff and external members to review current practices and suggest improvements as required.
3. Following a review by internal audit, which considered the Research Integrity Policy, CUREC will be implementing more robust checks to strengthen current processes. A communication plan to raise awareness about research ethics and integrity was also proposed for 2018.
4. A new in-house training course on research ethics was released in October 2017 for Masters and Research students and the University is working towards mandatory completion of the training material in 2018 by all new students.

One matter of research misconduct was reported to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Research and Innovation in 2017 in line with the Research Integrity Policy. This related to use of research data by a small number of research students. The issue was investigated internally through our standard research ethics review process and has largely been resolved.