

Research Integrity Annual Statement 2022-2023

Enhancing support for researchers –

7. Following this, the Code was published on the Research Integrity website in April 2023 and therefore forms part of the UCL Framework for Research Integrity. www.ucl.ac.uk/research/integrity/ucl-code-conduct-research
8. In order to promote ease of access and engagement, the 2023 Code was published in three versions. The first as a series of interactive webpages, enabling readers to move between different sections and to identify and locate information with ease. The second is an enhanced Pdf version, and the third an accessible Word version. Both document versions were published on the UCL Research Data Repository (RDR) with a direct link available on home page of the Code website for ease of access.
9. The use of the RDR enables open and transparent version control, as previous versions are stored enabling the reader to track the evolution of any changes to future versions of the Code. It also provides a single DOI reference, even when new versions are uploaded, allowing easy citation of the Code. To date the Code has been downloaded 277 times.
10. As part of the launch, in June 2023 a Town Hall was held to formally launch the revised Code, providing an additional opportunity for the community to discussions and ask questions regarding the Code, as well as enabling the Research Integrity Team to provide feedback on the results of the previous UCL-wide consultation.

Enabling a healthy and sustainable research culture at UCL

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14. During 2022-23 a number of faculty-

20. As a means of ensuring continuous improvement in support offered to researchers, the Office for Open Science and Scholarship team (OOSS team) created a dedicated website for training and researchers around open research. The website draws together existing resources into an easy to navigate space, supporting researchers to identify and locate training relevant to their research and training needs. The site draws together a range of open research areas including:

- Research integrity
- Copyright
- Citizen science
- Information governance
- Open access

access/2023/08/29/altmetrics

<https://blogs.ucl.ac.uk/open->

Research Misconduct

32. The UCL procedure for investigating and resolving allegations of misconduct in

model whilst allowing some minor variations to fit with local circumstances and usage of terminology. The Named Person has increased powers to resolve allegations that are considered to be straightforward and not considered to be serious in nature and there is no intent to deceive. The version of the UCL procedure for investigating and resolving allegations of misconduct in academic for most of 2022-23 was implemented on 1 November 2022. It can be accessed via the UCL website at: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/governance-compliance/sites/governance->

strong culture across the institution. It is intended that the Research Misconduct Committee draw out any lessons to be learned from its screening of allegations (regardless of outcome) at this earlier stage of the process.

Summary of investigations

39. One of the two cases carried forward from 2021-22 that were referred for formal investigation has completed its work. It was determined that the allegation was upheld in part and research misconduct was determined to have been found partly proven. The recommendations arising from the case were followed up as necessary that included seeking a correction to the publication in question to ensure the scientific record is correct. The other case remains ongoing and will complete in 2023-24.