

RESEARCH WITH PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY

Plymouth University: Assurance statement on compliance with the *Concordat to Support Research Integrity (2014 for uploading to web)*

Plymouth University, as a member of Universities UK (UUK) is committed to maintaining and promoting the highest standards of integrity and probity in scientific research as set out in the *Concordat to Support Research Integrity*. The University has an established set of fundamental principles detailed in its policies to ensure good scientific practice, the integrity of research involving human participants, and animal subjects, and general principles of data confidentiality and access.

Ethics policy (incorporating procedure for reporting misconduct)

<http://www1.plymouth.ac.uk/research/ourresearch/Documents/Plymouth%20University%20Research%20Ethics%20Policy.pdf>

The university is working in collaboration with partners, accessing training, participating in best practice workshops and forums nationally, to develop robust procedures to guide, implement and monitor compliance with the *Concordat*. Building on our success in achieving the European commission HR Excellence in Research Award, research support has extended the researcher development training programme and improved intranet resources to support researchers in meeting the expected standards, values and behaviours as set out in the *Concordat*.

By supporting the conditions needed for world-class research the university will ensure that our research is built on strong ethical foundations with clear guidelines and systems for monitoring. We will help create a quality research environment with a culture among researchers that demonstrates that best practice is embedded.

Summary of implementation of *Concordat* principles at Plymouth University between 2012-14:

Plymouth University can mark its progress with the following; internal audit and policy review, appointment of governance staff, broadened remit of ethics committee and creation of governance committee, development of research support programme and online guidance for researchers.