



HARTPURY

Hartpury University

Research Integrity Statement

The mission of Hartpury is to be a specialist niche provider delivering relevant, effective and high-quality education, training for employment and applied research in sport, equine, animal and agricultural industries; locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

The University is committed to undertaking high quality research in an environment of high standards of research integrity, governance and good practice. We seek to operate an open research environment, enabling access to, and sharing and replication of our research.

The purpose of the University's research governance is to ensure that all research, undertaken by staff, students or any others acting on behalf of or under the aegis of the University, is carried out to the highest standards and that all researchers uphold the principles set out in the 2019 Universities UK [Concordat to Support Research Integrity](#):

- Upholding the highest standards of rigour and integrity in all aspects of research.
- Ensuring that research is conducted according to appropriate ethical, legal and professional frameworks, obligations and standards.
- Supporting a research environment that is underpinned by a culture of integrity and based on good governance, best practice and support for the development of researchers.
- Using transparent, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise.
- Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to reviewing progress regularly and openly.

As part of the University's commitment to this Concordat, the University produces an Annual Research Integrity Report to Academic Board and Corporation, which is also made public.

Overall responsibility for maintaining the highest standards of research integrity at the University rests with the Pro Vice Chancellor Education, Research and Knowledge Exchange, Prof. Stephen Draper, Stephen.Draper@hartpury.ac.uk.

Our [Hartpury Code of Research Practice](#) provides a framework for the highest standards of personal conduct in research. These minimum standards are applicable to all researchers and those who support research in addition to their professional or funding body requirements and legislation. The Code also includes commitments that the University will:

- i) Maintain a research environment that develops good research practice and embeds a culture of research integrity, enabling researchers to act according to

the expected standards, values and behaviours.

- ii) Provide training on research ethics and research integrity with suitable learning, training and mentoring opportunities to support the development of researchers' skills throughout their careers.
- iii) Seek to ensure sustainability of its research, be that economic, environmental, academic, human, animal, physical or digital, in line with its commitment to the climate commission.
- iv) Publish an annual statement on research integrity.
- v) Periodically review research practice and culture to ensure that practice remains fit for purpose.



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