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## Leeds Beckett University Responsible Research Statement

*At Leeds Beckett University, we ensure that our activities and the research we undertake are aligned with the principles of responsible research, creating value for society in an ethical, innovative, and responsible way. By adhering to these principles our research will make a positive difference to the people, organisations, and diverse communities that we collaborate with.*

1. This Statement aligns with our university's strategic aims of:
  - **Purpose:** To make a positive and decisive difference to people, organisations and communities through excellent education, research, and service.
  - **Impact:** Sustainable social, economic, and cultural benefit for the communities we serve.
2. The principles of responsible research set out in this statement provide a framework for a better understanding and application of research for social benefit and for mitigating unintended consequences through shared values and understanding.
3. LBU is committed to engage with responsible research and all this incorporates, from research integrity, ethics, and due diligence through to research co-production, and public engagement and impact. RR covers a wide range of research considerations such as equality, diversity and inclusion, risk management and research evaluation.
4. LBU is committed to the open research principles of transparency, openness, verification and reproducibility across the whole lifecycle of research.
5. LBU is committed to developing and promoting best practice in the assessment of research as set out in the [Declaration on Research Assessment \(DORA\)](#).

### The Principles of Responsible Research

6. Responsible Research is a collective responsibility in which funders, researchers, stakeholders, and the public all have an important role to play.

Responsible Research:

- Promotes creativity and opportunities that are socially desirable and undertaken in the public interest.
- Creates spaces and processes to conduct research in an open, inclusive, and collaborative way.
- Includes, but goes beyond, considerations of risk and regulation.

7. The University has several expectations from its researchers, and they include:
  - a. **Personal accountability and responsibility** in the research process to ensure that standards are in line with, and do not fall below those set by the University's policies, procedures, and commitments; and those set by the sector and research disciplines.
  - b. **Adherence to all international, European, and national laws and research standards** set for their research discipline.
  - c. **Due care and respect** for research participants (human, animal, environment) and to culture and cultural objects, and to the stewardship of research for the next generation.
  - d. **Mindfulness and diligence** in research practice and procedures.
  - e. **Honesty and transparency** in all aspects of the research process and cycle.
8. The University is a signatory of the [Concordat to support Research Integrity](#) and will ensure that our research practice adheres to the commitments therein.
9. As part of that commitment, the University endeavours to support researchers to maintain the highest standards of responsible research by:
  - a. Continuous improvement and strengthening of LBU's policies, procedures and support through regular monitoring and review.
  - b. Improved mechanisms and procedures for reviewing research related ethics matters.
  - c. Providing clear and transparent policies, procedures and guidance and training in support of responsible research.
  - d. Ensuring that the University has robust policy and procedures to manage allegations of research misconduct and to support any colleague coming forward to raise such concerns.
  - e. Conducting research assessment responsibly.
  - f. Seeking to develop mechanisms to reward responsible research practice.