

## **Annual Statement on Research Integrity**

DMU are looking to further strengthen provision of ethics training, particularly for staff, potentially through an online platform that we hope will be available for staff and students from the next academic year (2021/2022). We have continued to deliver mandatory training in research ethics and integrity via our Researcher Development Team to postgraduate research students and staff. This session is well attended and feedback from attendees has been positive. This has been complemented by Faculty-specific and ad-hoc ethics training, and sessions for staff and students focused on the ethics application process where external approvals are required.

## **Systems and Processes**

## New Initiatives

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all face to face research was suspended during academic year 2019-2020 and where possible and with approval, moved to online data collection methods. The situation was reviewed following the lifting of restrictions by the UK Government in July 2021, allowing researchers to apply for ethical approval to undertake face to face data collection. Applications were considered on a case by case basis, to be closely monitored and reported to UREC. The process remained under review pending future