

Research Ethics and Integrity Annual Statement 2022 (Draft)

This report outlines the work across the academic year 1st August 2021 – 31st July 2022.

1. The Concordat and RWCMD

The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama is committed to the principles of the **Concordat to Support Research Integrity**, which include:

- 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, timely, robust and fair processes to deal with allegations of research misconduct should they arise
- Working together to strengthen the integrity of research and to review progress regularly and openly.

2. RWCMD policy and procedures in relation to research integrity

The RWCMD's commitment to the promotion and maintenance of research integrity can be found in its policies:

- RWCMD Research Ethics Framework
- The Strategic Plan
- The Strategic Equality Plan

3. Activities

Training in research ethics and integrity is delivered to all undergraduates and postgraduates on an annual basis. Training is also delivered in modules across all departments with a research element. Ethical approval for practice-based and non-practice-based research is granted through application to the Subcommittee for Research Ethics. The Subcommittee meets three times a year and reports to the Research and Innovation Committee. The Subcommittee has staff representation from each of the departments, as well as student representatives. The Chair of the Subcommittee, Dr James Lea, serves on the Conservatoires UK Research Ethics Committee.

4. Applications received between 1st August 2021 – 31st July 2022

PG students – 5 successful

UG students – 9 successful

External – 1 successful (with CUK ethical approval already in place)

5. Research misconduct

There were no formal investigations in relation to research misconduct for 2021/22.

6. Planned Developments

- Increase the number of student representatives on the Subcommittee
- Develop staff training on research ethics and integrity
- Develop and review ethical guidelines, forms, and procedures.