

De Montfort University: Research Misconduct Investigations, Report 2015-2016.

Over the last academic year De Montfort University has strengthened its processes for supporting best practice in research.

The [Misconduct in Research – Investigation Procedure](#) has been developed for investigating allegations of research misconduct at DMU. The procedure covers anyone conducting research under the auspices of DMU, including research degree students.

There are three main stages of an investigation into possible research misconduct: a Preliminary Consideration, a Screening Stage, and a Formal Investigation Stage. Investigations will abide by the principles of confidentiality, natural justice, and impartiality at all stages. Informal resolution will be sought where appropriate.

The [Guidelines for Good Research Practice](#) has been updated and improved to provide a range of information on the standards researchers are expected to adhere to. Additionally, the Guidelines outline the responsibilities DMU has to support best practice.

Both of these documents have been developed in line with Universities' UK Concordat to Support Research Integrity (2012) and the RCUK Policy and Guidelines on Governance of Good Research Conduct (2013).

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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Fabrication	0	0	0	0	0	0
Falsification	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plagiarism	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misrepresentation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Breach of duty of care	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper dealing with allegations of misconduct	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (please specify)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Details of any allegations upheld in part	0	0	0	0	0	0