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Annual Statement on Research Integrity

SRUC requires the ethical pre-approval of research proposals. The Animal Experiments Committee (AEC) and the Social Science Ethics Committee (SSEC) continue to operate and oversee ethics relating to animal experiments and research involving human participants. In the 2022-2023 year:

> The AEC engaged in both pre-submission ethics check and post-award ethical reviews. During this year, the AEC circulated 47 pre-submission ethic reviews, 45 of which were approved, and conducted 27 full experiment reviews which were all met with full approvals.
> The SSEC also engaged in both pre-submission ethic checks and post-award ethical reviews. Between 01/04/2022 and 31/03/2023, the SSEC committee reviewed 27 pre-submission ethical reviews and conducted 71 post-award/full ethical reviews.

SRUC will continue to promote the Good Research Practice Manual across the institution. SRUC is also committed to promoting and encouraging engagement with the Research Integrity Training Course until full completion rates are obtained.

Misconduct in research can have serious consequences for individual researchers, employers, funders, research participants, and the wider public, and can damage public trust in research, as well as harming the reputation of individual researchers and/or their research institute. Research misconduct is a aß©Ÿì âðÎ âŒº©âìºŒ Œ°Œä¥Œ¥µŒæì̀Ǹ© d`nŽ æ$»æŸ»ßǸŒä]âÔŸ©¥ðâ©æµðâì°©â detail the behaviour that is not accepted by the institution, typically referred to as questionable research practice, and provides a guidance on investigation and disciplinary procedures to be followed in such instances.

All stakeholders involved in research, including all academic staff, technical support staff, administrative support staff and students, have responsibility for reporting any suspicions of research misconduct. Allegations of research misconduct should be made, as the person making the allegation deems appropriate, to the Provost and Deputy Principal, Professor Jamie Newbold (Jamie.Newbold@sruc.ac.uk). Details of the allegation and investigation

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SRUC also has internal policies and guidelines pertaining to the internal Ž Ô ß ⅃ ì æ 8 Œ ¥ ⅃ ¶] â Ÿ © ¥ ð â æ d ` n Ž æ ∮ ì © ⅃ © Ÿ ì ð Œ] â Ô ß © â] Ô ⅃ Œ ¥ ì º © handling of Conflict-of-Interest situations.

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