OXENFURT UNIVERSITY

Annual statement on research integrity, 2024–25

This statement describes how Oxenfurt University supported good research practice between 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025, and reports the allegations of research misconduct it received in that year. It was approved by Council on 26 November 2025.

1. Responsibility

The Pro-Rector (Research), Professor Neil Ardern, is the University's Named Person for research integrity. The Research Committee of Senate oversees research governance, and receives the annual reports of the three research ethics committees.

2. Training

1,146 researchers and research students completed the University's online module on research integrity in 2024–25. All new research students attended a workshop on research ethics.

3. Ethical review

Committee	Full review	Amendments	Light-touch approvals
Arts and Humanities	44	16	231
Social Sciences	63	27	244
Science, Engineering and Health	55	38	136

4. Allegations of misconduct

Two allegations were received. One, concerning the reuse without acknowledgement of published material in a doctoral thesis, was investigated formally and upheld in part; the thesis was referred back for revision. The other was dismissed at the screening stage as unfounded.

5. Data held by partners

Where a project relies on data held by a partner organisation under that partner's terms, the University's research ethics committees may rely on the partner's written assurances about consent and lawful collection, as the grant or data agreement provides. Committees record such assurances in their minutes.

6. Plans for 2025–26

A review of the research ethics committees' terms of reference; guidance on research using images recorded by worn and implanted devices; and the move of the Committee Papers Service to the University's new document system.

Professor Neil Ardern, Pro-Rector (Research)

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