

# Research Integrity Policy

## Section 1 - Background and Purpose

(1) This Policy outlines the framework for the responsible conduct of research and for compliance with the regulatory environment for La Trobe University and its staff and students who engage in research.

## Section 2 - Scope

(2) Applies to:

- a. All La Trobe campuses and facilities
- b. All La Trobe research
- c. All La Trobe staff and students who engage in research

## Section 3 - Policy Statement

(3) La Trobe University is committed to excellence in research and to the values and principles which underpin research integrity – honesty, objectivity, duty of care, fairness, accuracy, reliability and responsibility. La Trobe researchers and research trainees are expected to adhere to responsible research practice as established by the University in reference to the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research \(2007\)](#) and other relevant state and federal legislation, in particular all requirements relating to the management of research data; supervision of students engaged in research ; publication and dissemination of research findings; authorship; peer review; declaring conflicts of interest; and managing cross-institutional research collaborations.

## Section 4 - Procedure

(4) Refer to the:

- a. [Animal Ethics Procedure](#)
- b. [Research Integrity - Higher Degree Student Research Misconduct Procedure](#)
- c. [Genetically Modified Organisms Procedure](#)
- d. [Human Ethics Procedure](#)
- e. [Research Misconduct Procedure](#)

## Section 5 - Definitions

(5) For the purpose of this Policy:

- a. Ethical review body: body established to carry out, where required, ethical review of research
- b. Research: The creation of new knowledge and/or the use of existing knowledge in a new and creative way so as

to generate new concepts, methodologies, inventions and understandings.

## **Section 6 - Stakeholders**

Responsibility for implementation - Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

Responsibility for monitoring implementation and compliance - Dean of Graduate Studies; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research); Executive Director, Research Office; and Manager, Ethics and Integrity.

## Status and Details

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