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Letter of Commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers

I, Karen Watt, on behalf of Scottish Funding Council, confirm our commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers.

The Scottish Funding Council fully supports the Principles of this revised Concordat and we intend to uphold our obligations and responsibilities as a signatory.

The Scottish Funding Council is committed to '**Making Scotland the best place in the world to learn, educate, research and innovate**'. The work undertaken around researcher development is important in ensuring this happens. The Scottish Funding Council is happy to be a signatory to the refreshed Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers as it plays an important role in establishing the necessary conditions for researchers to flourish and help deliver the UK's economic and industrial strategies.

As a member of the Concordat Strategy Group, we will continue to work collectively and engage with initiatives to address systemic challenges in progressing towards a UK research system where researchers work in healthy and supportive environments. We agree that researchers should be recognised and valued for their contributions in research and beyond, supported in their professional and career development, and equipped and empowered to succeed in their chosen careers.

Yours sincerely



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