STATEMENT ON ETHICAL RESEARCH
We seek to uphold our values, work in the interests of the common good, and in the public interest. In pursuing our research and enterprise activities we will seek to protect our integrity and our reputation. Therefore:

- We will never accept funds or collaborate with an organisation that would require our researchers to breach the principles of research integrity or deviate from scientific norms and research conventions, including the publication of results.

- Where the process of the research poses ethical and legal risks to the individual researcher(s) and the University, the University will undertake a risk assessment and ethics review.

- Where the potential outcomes of a project could be harmful, or have ‘dual use’ e.g. have both civilian and defence applications the University will undertake a risk assessment and ethics review.

- Where the funder or collaborator has, or is perceived to have, incompatible values and could potentially bring the University into disrepute by association, the University will undertake a risk assessment and ethics review.

The University does not preclude researchers from collaborating with the defence sector. Nevertheless, all research involving potential or actual defence and/or security application will be subject to risk assessment and ethics review.

The University will not collaborate with nor accept funding from the tobacco industry¹.

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¹ Definition of tobacco industry funding to align with Cancer Research UK Code of Practice on Tobacco Industry Funding to Universities https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/funding-for-researchers/applying-for-funding/policies-that-affect-your-grant/code-of-practice-on-tobacco-industry-funding-to-universities

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