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Dear Professor Buckingham,

Commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers

The British Academy is pleased to confirm that we wish become a signatory to the 2019 Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers.

We are committed to enabling excellent research by supporting the development of researchers across the humanities and social sciences subject community through the ways in which we approach our own funding schemes and through our wider policy and advocacy activity.

We do so within the context that our strategic direction and governance oversight is determined by our Fellowship, who are elected for their own excellence in research, that our funding is received from multiple sources, though primarily the UK government, and that our overall operation is relatively small scale compared to many other funders within the wider landscape. These factors will determine the ways in which we will align with the expectations of the Concordat and will be reflected in the action plan we produce and subsequent monitoring.

We look forward to continuing to work as a member of the Concordat Strategy Group to engage with initiatives to address systemic challenges within the UK research system to enable all researchers to work in healthy and supportive environments.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Robin Jackson



Chief Executive and Secretary