

FAO Chair of the Concordat Strategy Group

9th September 2019

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

Dear Julia,

I, Clare Viney on behalf of the Careers Research and Advisory Centre (CRAC) and the Vitae programme that we manage, welcome the launch of the revised Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers. CRAC fully support the Principles of the Researcher Development Concordat and we intend to uphold our obligations and responsibilities as a signatory.

Acting as a voice for our community, we will continue to influence the development and implementation of the new Concordat, supporting the sector through evidencing the impact of professional and career development support for researchers.

We are dedicated to our continuing role in giving researchers the opportunity and support to flourish and reach their potential, through enhancing the provision of training and development of researchers and empowering them to make an impact in their careers.

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,

Clare Viney, CEO