FAO Chair of the Concordat Strategy Group

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

On behalf of the University of East London, I am pleased to confirm our commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers.

The University of East London fully supports the three principles articulated in the Concordat and we intend to uphold our obligations and responsibilities as a signatory.

At the University of East London, we are committed to empowering our research staff to fulfil their research ambitions by providing them with the necessary skills, support and environment.

Professor Matt Bellgard, our new Pro Vice Chancellor for Impact and Innovation, in partnership with our research community is developing the new strategy for research, engagement, impact and innovation to deliver our Vision 2028 strategic objectives ‘to increase the economic, social & cultural impact of our education, research & enterprise activities to the communities we serve’.

The principles in the Concordat are integrated into the development and content of this strategy as part of creating an inclusive and supportive environment for our research staff.

We agree 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,

Prof Amanda Broderick

**Vice-Chancellor and President**