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

I, Professor Sir Steve West on behalf of The University of the West of England, Bristol confirm our commitment to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers.

The University of the West of England, Bristol fully supports the Principles of this revised Concordat and we intend to uphold our obligations and responsibilities as a signatory.

The University of the West of England, Bristol has always valued and invested in its community of researchers. Our most strategic research focus (January 2023) outlined two key areas:

“enabling: supporting our current and future research leaders to be ambitious, enterprising and collaborative, with time to do research and to support others to do so, and
talented: attracting and retaining great research talent; building a research ecosystem that supports and encourages diversity and inclusion, builds research careers, generates a research pipeline, and integrates learning, teaching and research”

Signing this concordat cements our commitment to UWE Bristol’s research community, and how much we value the research culture created by them.

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

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