

## Key AIM Policy Updates Implemented for 2025/26:

Paragraphs/sections of the Policy:	Proposed Edits:
Context	Definition of 'student' and 'students' updated in the Context to include doctoral researchers. And text has been revised to indicate that the Policy now applies to all programmes leading to a City St George's award.
Whole Document	Language changes throughout the document to refer to 'Doctoral Researcher', 'Doctoral Research', 'Doctoral College', 'Supervisor', 'ADR', 'STR' 'Internal Examiner' and 'Assessor'. Additionally, as per the changes made to Appendix 3a with regards to the Sanction numbers, references to Sanction 6 to become Sanction 5 have also been updated throughout the document.
1.1.4	Regulation 24 has been added to the relevant Regulation links. <i>(Please note that the Regulation 24 will be updated to signpost to the AIM Policy upon approval from Senate)</i>
1.1.6 – 1.1.8	Clarity around how to approach and manage work that has been submitted informally, e.g. for formative feedback and new text included to provide a list of examples for what we mean by a Doctoral Research 'progression point' under the scope of this Policy.
1.1.10 – 1.1.13	New text to define the difference between Research Misconduct and Academic Misconduct for doctoral research and to signpost to the relevant Procedure for Investigating Allegations of Misconduct in Research. Additionally, new text included to outline that where both Academic and Research Misconduct have taken place, Research Misconduct will take precedence.
1.2.2	Link added to signpost to the Framework for Good Practice in Research.
1.3.2	Link to the 'Use of GenAI Tools in Doctoral Research'.
1.4.1	Link to the 'Doctoral Training Resources'.
1.5.6	Text added to note that Turnitin may be used to support academic judgement in cases of suspected academic misconduct for taught modules and doctoral research, with the protections of not being added to a repository for doctoral research and to indicate that for doctoral research the person who should be providing the Turnitin report interpretation should be the Internal Examiner or where appropriate the AVP (Doctoral College).
1.5.8 – 1.5.10	New text has been drafted to outline the process for managing Viva Voce Examinations when there is suspected AM before the Viva and when it arises during the Viva.
1.6.7	Clarity around the definition of 'reasonable suspicion' as the standard of proof required to launch an investigation.
1.13	Allegation Reporting Text

1.14.10	Update included to ensure that AM Panels have appropriate levels of expertise when it comes to PGR programmes.
Appendix 1 (1.22.1)	Additional text added to clarify that self-plagiarism also includes resubmitting work (without acknowledgement) that a student may have submitted at a different or previous Institution.
Appendix 1 (1.24.2)	Further text added to specify that the falsification of evidence or fabrication of data within doctoral research would be classified as research misconduct and would be managed by our Procedure for Investigating Allegations of Misconduct in Research.
Appendix 1 (1.29.1)	'Non-Recognition' added to definitions of Misconduct types for doctoral research only.
Appendix 1 (1.30.1)	'Piracy' definition added it/revised from original text around theft for clarity for all programmes.
Appendix 2 (1.32)	Non-Recognition (for doctoral research) included under Academic Misconduct
Appendix 2 (1.33)	Piracy included under Severe Academic Misconduct
Appendix 3a (Sanction 4 & 5)	Editorial changes made to change Sanction 4/5 Option 1 and Option 1 to Sanction 4 (4a & 4b). Sanction 6 changed to become Sanction 5. <i>References to Sanction 6 updated throughout the document as previously noted.</i>
Appendix 3b (Sanctions 1-5)	A series of Academic Misconduct Sanctions have been developed for doctoral research that will be at the disposal of the AM Panel when dealing with relevant PGR cases.
Appendix 4 (Table)	'Piracy' added into the table under 'Severe Academic Misconduct'.
Appendix 5 (Flowchart)	The flowchart has been updated to reflect the change in the Sanction numbers and to clarify that Sanction 3 would be applied for Academic Misconduct by the AM Panel and not locally.