

PGR Agreement

As a guide, we have drawn up a series of statements that form this agreement. You are required to read this document carefully and understand its implications. We have added explanatory text in italics to the statements. You are asked to confirm, by signing, that you accept these statements.

1. I will take responsibility for my own learning and reflect on feedback about my performance and achievements. I will respect the knowledge and skills of those involved in my education.

Postgraduate research is all about self-directed learning under supervision that guides you along the right track. Taking advice and learning from others is key to success, but the motivation is down to you.

2. I will proactively discuss primary data with my supervisor in a timely manner.

All the data generated will be novel, so it is important to discuss all findings to reach the correct interpretation of the data and to correctly plan the next steps. Lack of discussion might lead to you wasting time on incorrect experiments that you will then have to repeat.

3. I will maintain a lab book that is a detailed record of methodology and results. I will write entries in a timely manner and store electronic data appropriately as instructed. It will be available for regular inspection by my supervisor.

Maintaining an accurate record of the experiments you have performed is crucial in order to write manuscripts and your thesis.

4. I will act with integrity and will represent all data that I generate accurately (see falsification of data section: <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/teaching-and-learning/policies/GAP.pdf>)

5. I will be a good laboratory citizen and will constructively interact with other members of the lab and respect common workstations and the work of my colleagues. I will be aware of lab safety, both for myself and how my work may impact on my colleagues.

Interacting professionally with colleagues is important in all businesses and organizations. Lab safety is an important consideration – always ask your supervisor or the School Safety Officer if you are unsure of something.

6. I will be clear at all times about what I do and don't understand. I will also be clear about what I have and what I haven't done. I will discuss mistakes openly and honestly.

Don't fake it. It's okay to say you're confused or don't know something; you need to ask questions to get unconfused. We all make mistakes, but it is crucial to fix these quickly and move on.

7. I will submit any required reports and self-reflection for assessment of progress on time and be aware of the deadlines for assessment.

Reporting is carried out in accordance with University policy and is an independent assessment of progress to support students. (http://medhandbook.st-andrews.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/research-and-pg_policy_res-pg-student-policy-and-assessment.pdf).

8. I will be committed to my project, but will maintain a healthy work-life balance.

Holiday guidance is detailed in http://medhandbook.st-andrews.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/research-and-pg_policy_res-pg-student-policy-and-assessment.pdf.

Signature of student Date

Signature of Supervisor Date