



UNSW Public Statement

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Professor Levon Khachigian

The University of New South Wales has investigated a number of matters concerning research and publications involving Professor Levon Khachigian, an NHMRC Australia Fellow. The issues involved alleged Research Misconduct and alleged breaches of the UNSW *Research Code of Conduct*.

Over a period of several years, UNSW has commissioned multiple different, independent external panels of inquiry or reports to investigate and to report on the alleged breaches, in accordance with the **Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research** and the University's own *Procedure for Handling Allegations of Research Misconduct*. The investigation processes have been confidential, as required under the University's Academic Staff Enterprise Agreement. All of the issues have now been dealt with and there are no outstanding allegations under investigation by the University.

None of the independent inquiry panels have made any finding of Research Misconduct on the part of Professor Khachigian.

The panels of inquiry found that there had been breaches by Professor Khachigian of the UNSW *Research Code of Conduct*, but that these breaches were the result of Professor Khachigian's genuine error or honest oversight, not deliberate or intentional conduct.

Following a period of agreed leave while the allegations were investigated, the NHMRC has reinstated his research funding and Professor Khachigian has returned to work at the University.

UNSW regards all breaches of the UNSW *Research Code of Conduct* as being of great concern regardless of whether or not they are deliberate or intentional. The University will always take steps to ensure that all of our research is conducted with high standards of integrity and safety.

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