



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

**Thursday 25 April 2024**

**Letter of commitment to the priorities of the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice**

I, Professor Peter Mathieson, Principal and Vice Chancellor, on behalf of The University of Edinburgh, confirm our commitment to the priority areas outlined in the Concordat for the Environmental Sustainability of Research and Innovation Practice.

The University of Edinburgh fully supports the priority areas outlined in the Concordat. We will deliver against all the priorities in practice and recognise our responsibilities as a signatory, as set out in the Concordat.

By signing this Concordat we recognise the need to continue to change how we conduct research and innovation as well as promote wider solutions. We agree to continue taking shared action into the future to reduce and eliminate our own environmental impacts and emissions and achieve the transition to sustainable practices.

The priority areas outlined in the Concordat closely align with objectives in our own Research and Innovation Strategy and Climate Strategy. We have the processes, governance, and partnerships in place to support these important areas of focus.

We are a founding member of Scotland Beyond Net Zero, a coalition of Scottish universities combining our world-class research in climate science to boost collaborations between experts, further empower the communities we operate in, and better inform policy makers on the hard decisions they have to make for Scotland to reach its ambitious target of reaching net zero by 2045.

Signing this Concordat represents an important milestone in ensuring our own research practices are conducted as sustainably as possible, whilst contributing to sector-wide efforts in a coordinated way.

Yours sincerely,

**Professor Sir Peter Mathieson  
Principal and Vice Chancellor  
The University of Edinburgh  
Thursday 25 April 2024**