

## **How the Procurement Team Live Our Values**

Our university values were identified in partnership with our staff and student community. Living and upholding these values ensures that we remain true to the spirit of our community and ourselves. For Procurement we live our values in a number of ways, including but not limited to:

Ambition & Excellence

We are also proud to have our work accredited by Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) and have held the Procurement Excellence Standard Award since 2015. We are also ranked No.1 in the Scottish Government, Procurement & Commercial Improvement Programme (PCIP) programme, that was assessed by Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC).

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## Curiosity & Discovery

We have been working collaboratively with colleagues from the Transformation Team to improve our end-to-end processes. Additionally, we have been building on the tailored expenditure reports we produce for different parts of the University to give local leadership teams oversight of their spend in a user-friendly way.

## • Integrity & Truth

The University's voluntary commitment to be a Living Wage employer, and our positive influence with contractors and potential contractors that they also pay the Living Wage and setting ourselves the target of 95% compliant spend to procurement rules and regulations. We are proud of our open and honest, and fair and transparent procurement processes. From the feedback we receive from our unsuccessful bidders, including from the debriefs we offer them, as well as our lack of challenges, we know that our processes are robust.

## An Inclusive Community

Our commitment to sustainability through our Sustainable Procurement programme, our alignment with EvoVadis to support external strategic high environmental risk suppliers, mark our strong contribution towards the University's target of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2030. We place priority on offering economic, social or environmental wellbeing benefits for our community in our procurements, particularly our larger Estates tenders.

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