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Code of Ethics for Research

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Researchers and professional staff must, in all aspects of their research follow the Code of Ethics

- 1. **Academic Honesty:** Faculty should be honest in all scientific communications (such as but not limited to Honesty in reporting data, results, methods and procedures, and publication status; Not fabricating, falsifying, or misrepresenting data; Not deceiving colleagues, granting agencies, or the public.)
- 2. **Integrity:** Keep the promises and agreements; act with sincerity; strive for consistency of thought and action.
- 3. **Carefulness:** Avoid careless errors and negligence; carefully and critically examine your work and the work of peers. Keep good records of research activities, such as data collection, research design, and correspondence with agencies or journals.
- 4. **Respect for Intellectual Property:** Honour patents, copyrights, and other forms of intellectual property. Do not use unpublished data, methods, or results without permission. Give credit where credit is due. Give proper acknowledgement or credit for all contributions to research. Never plagiarize.
- Confidentiality: Protect confidential communications, such as papers or grants submitted for publication, personnel records, trade or military secrets, and patient records.
- 6. **Social Responsibility:** Strive to promote social good and prevent or mitigate social harms through research, public education, and advocacy.
- 7. **Competence:** Maintain and improve professional competence and expertise through lifelong education and learning; take steps to promote competence in science as a whole.
- 8. **Legality:** Know and obey governmental policies, relevant laws and institutional rules and regulations.
- 9. Other: Ensure the safety and wellbeing of those associated with research, show respect for the animals they use in research, ensure the protection of people and the environment from risks resulting from research, appropriately acknowledge the role of others in research.

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