

Code of Conduct for Researchers at Kanazawa University

As set forth in the University, Kanazawa University defines its position as “a research university dedicated to education, while opening up its doors to both local and global society”, where we shall endeavor to cultivate distinguished intellect, ranging from that of fundamental research dealing with pursuit of truth to that of research directly connected to technology. At the same time, we shall provide its members with an environment suitable for carrying out research independently guaranteeing the academic freedom and healthy competition. As academic freedom resides on the premise of public trust and the mandate of the people, as pronounced in the “Code of Conduct for Scientists” promulgated by the Science Council of Japan, our researchers in the University must establish ethical norms to strictly control their own conduct, while fulfilling their obligation of accountability to society and consciously taking part in building and maintaining sound relationships between science and society.

With the view to realizing such a philosophy and objectives, we hereby institute our Code of Conduct for Researchers at Kanazawa University.

(Responsibilities of Researchers)

1. Researchers shall recognize that they are responsible for assuring the quality of the specialized knowledge and skills that they themselves create, and for using their expert knowledge, skills and experience to contribute to the health and welfare of humankind, the safety and security of society and the sustainability of the global environment.

(Conduct of Researchers)

2. Researchers shall recognize that scientific autonomy is upheld by public trust and the mandate of the people, and shall always make judgments and act with honesty and integrity. Moreover, researchers shall make the utmost effort to scientifically and objectively demonstrate the accuracy and validity of the knowledge they create through scientific research, and shall actively participate in mutual quality assurance such as peer reviews in the scientific community, especially in their respective fields of expertise.

(Continuous Professional Development)

3. As well as endeavoring to maintain and improve their own expertise, abilities and skills, researchers shall constantly strive to understand the relationships between science, technology, society and the natural environment from a wide-ranging perspective, and to demonstrate the best judgments and attitudes at all times.

(Accountability and Disclosure)

4. Researchers shall strive to disclose and actively explain the roles and significance of their own research, evaluate the possible effects of their research on people, society and the environment

as well as the changes that their research might engender, neutrally and objectively disclose the results of this evaluation, and build a constructive dialog with society.

(Research Activities)

5. Researchers shall act with integrity according to the spirit of this Code of Conduct in drafting, planning, applying for, implementing and reporting their own research, ensure that research and survey data are recorded, stored and rigorously handled, and not only refrain themselves from any misconduct such as fabrication, falsification or plagiarism, but also refrain from aiding or abetting such misconduct.

(Establishing Sound Research Environments)

6. Researchers shall recognize that establishing and maintaining fair research environments where responsible research can be conducted is one of their important duties, and shall actively participate in efforts to improve the quality of research environments in the scientific community and their own institutions. Moreover, they shall also seek the understanding and cooperation of the public in achieving these goals.

(Compliance with Laws and Regulations)

7. Researchers shall observe all laws, regulations and relevant rules in their activities, including the implementation of research and the use of research funds.

(Consideration for Research Subjects)

8. Researchers shall respect the dignity and rights of individuals who cooperate with their research, and shall safeguard and give proper consideration to their welfare. They shall also treat animals and other research subjects with all due care and respect.

(Relations with Others)

9. Researchers shall evaluate the results of research made by others with critical mind and, at the same time, humbly listen to the criticism of their research and activities from others, and exchange opinions with an attitude of sincerity, as well as respecting the honor and intellectual property rights of others.

(Rejection of Discrimination)

10. In their research, education and academic society activities, researchers shall respond to others fairly on a scientific basis, respect individual freedom and character, and not discriminate against individuals based on their race, gender, status, beliefs or religion.

(Avoiding Conflicts of Interest)

11. In their research, reviews, evaluations, judgments and other scientific activities, researchers shall pay sufficient heed to the presence of conflicts of interest between individuals and

organizations, or between different organizations, and shall properly address problems paying all due attention to the public interest.

At the University, we shall make our best efforts in propagating this Code of Conduct and in providing an environment and regulations required for due compliance with this Code. We shall also conduct reviews from time to time to respond to the requirements of the time and society.

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